

Monkton
Parish Council



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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
10th May 2019 at 7:30pm at Monkton Village Hall.**

Present **Parish Councillors** Gilly Brown [GB], Davina Ransom [DR], Chris Ransom [CR], Steve Bennett [SB]

In Attendance Sara Archer – Clerk plus 18 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the Parish Council and Clerk. Davina Ransom was welcomed as a new Councillor following the recent elections.

Apologies were noted from District Cllr Reece Pugh.

The meeting was then opened to the resident's to express their views.

- Concern was raised regarding the Heyhill planning application. It was confirmed the Parish Council would be submitting further representations to the Planning Department in view of the extension of the deadline to 17th May. An article from the local newspaper was shared with the meeting. It was suggested the journalist was invited to a meeting to discuss the planning proposal and a response sent to the newspaper to express resident's views. It was recognised that KCC Highways were not in approval of the plans and the Parish Council would write a letter to support their objections. The Residents Association would also be doing the same. **Action GB/SA**

It was felt the residents should be proactive with campaigning against the development and the use of banners was discussed.

Some objections had not been placed on the TDC website, those who had submitted their comments were encouraged to contact TDC to ensure their objections had been received and noted accordingly.

It was confirmed that not all villagers had received notification of the planned development. A leaflet drop had been organised and distributed through the village by a concerned resident to help raise awareness of the proposal. This would be extended to include the permanent residencies at the Foxhunter. Thanks were expressed to the resident for his proactive approach.

It was agreed for the Parish Council to write to TDC on behalf of residents, to complain about the lack of response received to enquiries made, in particular from the Planning Department. Evidence of such was requested to be sent to the Clerk or Chair to support the complaint. **Action SA**

Access to the proposed development was clarified and concern regarding the increase in traffic using the roads was raised.

It was noted that Richard Smith, KCC Highways, had submitted a formal objection to the application on the grounds of visibility issues and inadequate access provisions. It was therefore suggested that view of this objection, the application would be refused by the Planning Officers and likely to be withdrawn.

The Parish Council would write to Richard Smith and offer their appreciation for his support. **Action GB/SA**

Discussion took place regarding the potential of the developer to acquire land in order to improve the access arrangements, however, this would not be considered by neighbouring properties.

Grateful thanks were expressed to the residents who had commissioned their own planning consultant to assess the proposal, the document produced would serve as a useful reference tool.

The impact on the village caused by the development would stretch much further than noted in the application.

Pinch points in the road would be created and potential structural damage to listed buildings close to the proposed location could be caused through water ingress if the drainage was not addressed appropriately.

Consideration that access may be gained to the development site via Coles Yard was discussed.

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- Concern regarding the overgrown verge running in front of the field adjacent to 150 Monkton Street was raised. It was confirmed the owners had been approached and asked to address the issue. The Parish Council would contact the Enforcement Officers at TDC and formally request they investigate the breach of planning conditions. The Clerk would contact the landowner and advise that boundary should be maintained appropriately. **Action GB/SA**

- Enquiries were made regarding the proposed development for Coles Yard.

It was confirmed the proposal was at pre-application stage with TDC. The architects had been in contact with the Parish Council however, no plans had yet been submitted.

The Cole family had lived in the village for a number of years and thus would like to ensure the residents views were taken into account. A public consultation would be arranged, however, objections would be limited in view of the inclusion of the site in the Local Plan.

The meeting closed at approximately 20:40hrs.

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