

Aintree Village Parish Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 25 January 2018 at 6.30 pm

Present Councillors - J Colbert (Chair), M Carter, M Wykes, G Downey, G Harris, B Honeyman

In Attendance M Dilworth (Parish Clerk)

6654 Apologies for absence

Councillors - J Colbert, F Forrest

6655 Declarations of interest

Cllrs - S Gent, F Forrest, R Preston

6656 Public participation

Residents local to the proposed development asked the Parish Council to formulate local observations and make a submission to Sefton Council regarding planning development DC/2017/02298 (Land bounded by Wango Lane, River Alt and Leeds Liverpool Canal)

They expressed concerns with the site with regard to

Vehicle access point onto Wango Lane & traffic congestion - Suggested point of access at Wango Lane could cause traffic issues re proximity to canal bridge which is closed for periods throughout the day and often tails back past suggested access point together with the curve in the road at this point in the highway obscures a good access viewpoint.

Resident felt that the time limited traffic flow survey did not expose the unique traffic problems that the Village experiences especially with regard to closures at the swing bridge and the voluminous traffic issues that arise when the racecourse is eventful. Also the surveys may not have disclosed the full impact that is/will result from the ongoing housing development which is occurring on the other side of the canal bridge along with the fairly recent development of a supermarket nearby (both in the borough of Knowsley).

Traffic Management during construction especially given close proximity access restraints of the 8 tonne swing bridge will result in heavy construction traffic throughout the Village.

Drainage issues in the development area - The resultant expectation on surrounding area after development, given that currently the expansion area experiences significant waterlogging throughout the year.

The loss of a wildlife corridor, its environmental benefits and enjoyment factor. Consequently intensifying the loss of identity as a village.

Light and noise pollution not only during development but generally on the local residence as a result of additional building rather that open space.

Affordability of homes

No continuous path over the swing bridge

Impact on amenities - (Doctors, Schools & Parking in the Village to name just a few)

The Clerk & Cllrs advised

That residents with anxieties should write to Sefton Council expressing their concerns before the closing date of 31 January 2018. Residents were advised not to send issues as a single letter with numerous signatures but to send individual unique letters stating discreet objections.

6657 Planning

DC/2017/02298 - Land Bounded By Wango Lane, River Alt And Leeds And Liverpool Canal Aintree Erection of 43 dwellings with new access, landscaping and associated works

It was resolved to write of letter to Sefton Council planning department to outline local residents concerns with regard to application DC/2017/02298

with regard to

Highways - Access, Traffic flow and Road Safety

Flooding issues

Affordability Issues

Additional strain on limited community amenities services and facilities.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

Minutes 6654 to 6657 received as a correct record on 19 February 2018

Chairman