

HEMINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 in The Hut, Hemingstone

Councillors Present: Mohammed Touman (MT)(Chairman), Stella Hignett (SH) and Jamie Mayhew (JM).

In Attendance: District Councillor's Dave Penny (DP) and John Whitehead (JW) and members of the public.

101023/01 Jamie Mayhew was appointed minute Clerk for this meeting.

101023/02 Co-option: No resident presented themselves for co-option.

101023/03 Apologies for absence: All Councillors in attendance.

101023/04 Declarations of Interest: All Councillors were made aware once again of the legal requirement to complete a Register of Interest; there were no declarations of interest.

101023/05 Dispensations: No requests were received prior to or at the meeting.

Public forum:

101023/06 A large number of residents expressed concerns over the planning application being considered later in the meeting with the main concerns being: the proven real need for additional units in the Parish when there are vacant units, not far from the site, which are ready to provide a vital source of employment for the community if there is a proven need – the proven need is also questionable; what the additional units will be used for as the site is approved as a fruit farm; this proposal will, without doubt, cause adverse effect on light, smell, wildlife and noise and the residents amenities on a hamlet; where is the evidence of this application reinforcing social cohesion; there are no local amenities therefore this is in an unsustainable location; confirmation the operating hours are necessary as

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these are long hours and will adversely affect the amenity of the residents of Hemingstone which is designated as a hamlet; the enforcement issue on the site currently must be taken into account as it shows concerns over the current operation.

101023/07 Planning: DC/23/03872 planning application erection of – erection of additional E (g) business units building, and associated works.

Hemingstone Fruit Farm Main Road, Hemingstone IP6 9RG

After much discussion and for the reasons above all Councillors agreed to support the residents and request the local planning authority OBJECT to this application; if for any reason the local planning authority are minded to approve this application they request the District Council call this application in to committee. The reasons for the Parish Council's strong objection includes the major adverse impact this proposal will have on the local residents including, but not limited to, concerns over the working hours and activities on the site and the enforcement if these should be breached; the adverse affect of the light, noise and smell pollution; the industrial activity, unique to this site, is not in keeping with the rural setting of the Parish; the proposed operating hours would have an adverse impact of the residents living in a Parish classified as a Hamlet; the local planning authority must take into account the previous and current complaints concerning the activities on the site and the live enforcement case.

101023/08 The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.38pm without considering the vacancy for a Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

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