

Minutes of the Meeting of Wilby Parish Council at Coronation Hall on Wednesday, 31st May 2017 at 7.30pm.

Attendees: Cllrs. Ian Williamson, David Holliday, Steve Lee & Ian Taylor

76.17 To consider accepting apologies for absence No apologies

77.17 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed A non-pecuniary interest on item 79.17 declared by Cllr Holliday.

78.17 To consider dispensation from members in any item to be discussed None received

Public Forum

(i) Parishioner's questions or comments No residents present

79.17 To consider new & outstanding planning applications, including consultation responses

(i) 4592/16 Tannington Hall. Change of Use.

Wilby Parish Council met on 31 May 2017 to discuss the above planning application in the light of submissions made by various parties, including a revised noise assessment statement by the applicant, following the initial consideration of the application in December 2016. Accordingly, the Parish Council, consistent with this re-consultation, submits the further comments set out below.

a. The new Noise Assessment statement reports on current noise levels – about which local residents are already aware. It merely estimates the noise likely to emanate from weddings and other events rather than providing actual on-site measurements of the noise generated by the types of activity envisaged.

b. Despite the production of a Management Plan, "other events" have not been defined nor have their frequency. There is no undertaking about the number and nature of weddings and these other events. In such a tranquil location, introducing a wedding and events venue is a very material consideration for the quality of life of all local residents.

c. The potential for disturbance that could be caused by the campsite to residents living within earshot remains by far the biggest cause of concern. It is possible that noise and revelry could continue on far beyond the times specified for events finishing, especially due to the understandably party atmosphere.

The acoustics report provided by the applicants only deals with the barn and the marquee as is explained in item 1.1. The application does not include the camp-site in the definition of the venue.

"1.1 Echo Acoustics Ltd was commissioned by Evolution Town Planning, on behalf of Braiseworth Hall Farms, to undertake an assessment of noise arising from the proposed use of a former barn at Tannington Hall as a venue for weddings and other live events, along with a marquee to be sited immediately adjacent to the building, on its western side."

The report does not consider the issue of noise emanating from the campsite as indeed it is not possible to quantify, and is not addressed apart from item 4.9 in the acoustics report, which is not considered a satisfactory explanation. Additionally, it is questionable how the venue operator will have any control over the camp-site if it does not form part of the venue.

The question of re-siting the campsite has been raised but it is not known whether the applicants have considered this. Though this should reduce the possibility of disruption to those living nearby it is still not known whether it would be to an acceptable level.

For the reasons above Wilby Parish Council recommends refusal of the application.

Notwithstanding this, if Councillors are minded to approve the application an initial time limited permission (assuming that is possible within Planning Policy) would give the opportunity to monitor the concerns of all those possibly affected.

80.17 To approve the Account Payments

- (i) Wilby Village Hall £32.00
 - (ii) Business Services at CAS Ltd £10.34
- Payments noted and agreed

81.17 Date and time of the next meeting: Wednesday 12th July 7-30pm in Coronation Hall.

82.17 Meeting Closed 8-21pm

Agreed as correct

Chair _____ Date _____

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