

# ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES

### Rous Lench Extraordinary Parish Council meeting

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm in Rous Lench Village Hall

<b>Present</b>	Cllrs G White (Chairman), D Browne (vice-Chairman), C Dudley, G Hughes
<b>Attending</b>	24 members of the public Mrs G Lungley, Locum Clerk
<b>EM18-04-30/01</b>	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs J Davis and D Wicks Cllr L Newton expected but not present.
<b>EM18-04-30/02</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest
<b>EM18-04-30-03</b>	<b>Dispensations</b> There were no requests for dispensation
	<b>There was an announcement with reference to the public interest in one of the planning applications that was to be considered at this meeting:</b> Council members were aware of the requirements to attend this meeting with an open mind in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct and principles of public life. A public open meeting had been held on 19/04/2018 arranged by the Parish Council following notification of the planning consultation ref. 18/00397/CU at which the agents' representative was present to respond to questions and comments from the c80 members of the public in attendance. Comments in favour of the application and against it had been aired but the Parish Council members had deferred comment until this Extraordinary meeting.
	<b>Adjournment for Public Questions:</b> <b>A variety of comments were put forward, summarised as follows:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Concern that neither of the district councillors was present.</li><li>- Belief that a week's extension to the consultation period had been allowed.</li><li>- Concern about lack of, or limited, notification of the application.</li><li>- Concerns about highways access.</li><li>- Concerns about the behaviour of Travellers.</li><li>- Availability of Traveller sites within the district and shortfall of pitches may be less than put forward at the open meeting.</li><li>- Rous Lench is 'category 4' meaning residents must travel to access services.</li><li>- Site had been put forward following WDC call for sites but had been discounted as unsuitable.</li><li>- Future meetings on this subject would be advertised on the notice boards.</li></ul>
<b>EM18-04-30/04</b>	<b>Planning</b> To agree the Parish Council's response to the following consultations:
.1	<b>18/00397/CU</b> The Caravan, Radford Road, Rous Lench, Evesham, WR11 4UL Change of Use from a dis-used orchard to provide 6 no. Gypsy / Traveller Pitches. Each pitch to contain 1 no. Static Caravan, 1 no. Touring Caravan, 1 no. Amenity Block inclusive of Access Driveway and Bio-Disc <b>Members agreed</b> to submit comment based on eligibility and appropriateness.

	<p>Members considered the site to be not eligible for the type of development proposed due to Rous Lench defined as 'category 4' within the South Worcestershire Development Plan. The site was not sustainable as proved when WDC discounted the site when offered for such development following the 'call for sites' during the SWDP consultation period. The SWDP states Travellers' needs should be assessed in association with categories 1, 2, and 3; category 4 is not included.</p> <p><b>It was agreed</b> to recommend this application is refused.</p>
.2	<p><b>18/00554/FUL</b> V W Direct Ltd at The Garage Radford Road Rous Lench Evesham WR11 4UL</p> <p>Replacement of Portacabin office with timber log effect office and change of use of land to allow the siting of the office building.</p> <p><b>It was agreed</b> to recommend permission for this application as long as there was no additional lighting and to ask for a reduction in the existing lighting which was adding to light pollution.</p>
<b>EM18-04-30/05</b>	<p><b>Next council meeting:</b> The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018.</p>
<p>Signed..... Date.....  Chairman, Rous Lench Parish Council</p>	

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