At an Extra-ordinary Grimley Parish Meeting held in The Peace Hall, Sinton Green on Monday, 13th July 2015 at 7.35pm

Present: Cllr Mel Weston (Chairman of the Parish Council) 35 parishioners

Mrs S Hughes (Clerk to the Parish Council)

DCIIr D Clarke, WCC P Grove (later in meeting, simply as an observer)

Apologies: Robert Garman Mrs Julia Lawrence Anne Taft

Welcome: Cllr Mel Weston welcomed parishioners to the meeting.

1 15/000016CM Proposed Materials Recycling Facility, Workshop Building & Ecological Restoration & Enhancement Areas Church Farm Quarry, Grimley

The Parish Council were required to consider the above named planning application on its merits, the implications for the parish and the views of parishioners and submit a response to Worcestershire County Council by mid-August. The chairman invited parishioners to participate in discussions and constructive comment on the application to guide the Parish Council in the objectives of its response. The detailed application was on display at the rear of the room.

Many residents took the opportunity to oppose the application and urged others to:

write letters of objection both to officers and councillors; object in relation to the core principles ie judged against the WCC Waste Core Strategy, Policy Guidelines;

Note the lack of re-instatement of the land as per previous planning approval ie this application to be judged against appropriateness of a 'virgin' site;

note the 'accuracy' of the Noise Surveys for the area and nearby homes; engage with the Primary School and the health aspects for the children; comments to be site related and not applicant related.

On a show of hands, the majority present indicated that they were opposed to the proposals: no indication was sought as to the numbers in favour of the proposals or those abstaining from the vote whilst seeking further information.

A parishioner volunteered to circulate to all interested persons a template that might prove a useful guidance to others who wished to raise objections.

2 The Way Forward – Thoughts from the Meeting

The following ideas were offered for formal consideration by the Parish Council at their meeting on 20th July:

to engage a consultant to respond to the application; to engage a consultant to undertake a comparative noise assessment; form a Working Group to formulate a response to the application; to circulate to all local households the details of the WCC members on the Planning & Regulatory Committee and relevant officers.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and for their invaluable input.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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