

Bredfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Bredfield Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on

16th August 2023

Councillors Present: Nik Bestow; Vince Buckman; Hilary Harker; Anne Henderson; David Hepper; Tony Richardson; Lynn Taylor

There were 45 members of the public in attendance including representatives from Hasketon and Clopton Parish Councils.

1/160823: Apologies and approvals of absence

District Cllr's Dan Clery & Colin Hendley together with County Cllr Elaine Bryce all sent their apologies.

2/160834: Declarations of interest or requests for dispensation

None.

3/160823: Consideration of Planning Application - DC/23/2693/FUL - Demolition of the existing commercial buildings on site and the erection of 7no dwellings and 14no commercial units on land of the former forge site. Site address: The Forge, Woodbridge Road, Bredfield

Five members of the public expressed their objection to this planning application and cited their grounds. It was noted that there has been little change from the application submitted last year which had been withdrawn. The increase in businesses from the existing four to a proposed fourteen was out of proportion to the area. There was a reduction in the number of houses by two but the density still remains the same. The traffic data was out of date together with other data. Fears were expressed that vehicles may go through Hasketon to avoid the weight restrictions and there was insufficient space for large lorries to manoeuvre within the commercial area. It was noted that the applicant had not approached neighbouring properties and it was suggested that we request a planning officer site visit. Cllr Hepper advised parishioners to be very specific when sending objections to the planning department and advised that ESC look at content rather than number of objections.

All members of the public together with all Councillors unanimously objected to this application. Cllr Hepper would draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council and circulate to all Councillors. Once agreed the Clerk would submit to the Planning Department and send copies to County and District Councillors.

4/160823 Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.45pm.