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**Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council
held at Coddington Church on Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Julia Boyle (Chair), Julie E Baker, Patrick Whitehead, Joe Hayes, John Joyce-Townsend, Tim Newsholme, Sue Ransford, Charlie Ferrier, Sven Bosley and Rachel Lovering

In attendance: Emma Thomas – Parish Clerk and Cllr Tony Johnson – Ward Councillor

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1. **To Accept any Apologies for Absence and Note the Reason**
Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED FROM Cllrs, Gian Carlo Paganuzzi and Liz Cooke (family commitments)
2. **To Record any Declarations of Interest and Consider any Requests for Dispensations**
Cllr Tim Newsholme declared a NPI against item 4 and signed the Register of Interest book.
3. **Public Participation Session for Local Residents to raise matters relevant to the Parish Council**
None
4. **To consider the Parish Council objection to the Addition of Byway Open to All Traffic BZ77 Bosbury – Modification Order 2017**
It was RESOLVED to withdraw the objection made by the Parish Council. (Proposed: Cllr. John Joyce-Townsend; Seconded by Cllr. Patrick Whitehead and approved by 9 councillors. 1 abstention)
5. **To consider the Travellers Sites Development Plan Document – Additional Sites Consultation**
It was NOTED that Herefordshire Council have not set aside sufficient land for travellers sites. The consultation document is attempting to rectify this. However Bosbury and Coddington already have the highest proportion of traveller sites across Herefordshire. In the December 2017 consultation the Parish Council made this clear. The clerk RE-READ this submission - *"the Parish Council is against any further development sites in Bosbury and Coddington Parishes – both Council and privately owned – existing or now – as the area has more than its fair share already"*. This was clarified as meaning that out of the 59 Traveller Residential Sites and 114 pitches to be found in the 133 parishes of Herefordshire, Bosbury and Coddington already have 4 Travellers Residential Sites with 12 pitches. The potential extra numbers give real cause for concern. It was REPORTED that the infrastructure of Bosbury and Coddington is already under pressure – with the Primary School over-subscribed. There are also 24 more dwellings that already have planning permission to be built in the area in the near future.

It was RESOLVED that the clerk should draw up a draft letter of objection to the planned increase in pitches at Nash End, Bosbury and circulate it to all councillors for approval. Cllr Tony Johnson also REQUESTED that he be sent the final copy so he could pursue the issue further with Herefordshire Council.
6. **To consider Planning Application - 183661 - Oakfield, Nash End Lane, Bosbury, Ledbury, Herefordshire**
Proposed extension to existing gypsy/traveller site comprising 1 no. residential pitch, 1 no. extended dayroom, 5 no. transit pitches including 1 no. utility block, 1 no. access, hardstanding, and associated works.

The Chair handed over to Cllr Patrick Whitehead as Chair of the planning Committee to lead on this item.

Confusion was expressed at why this application has been presented given that the consultation in item 5 has yet to be concluded. It was NOTED that the application was very detailed and had been drawn up by Ruston – who are based in Bristol and lead on many traveller applications countrywide.

The key areas of concern were NOTED as follows:

- There is already a large concentration of Traveller Sites in the parish area. In the December 2017 consultation the Parish Council made this clear. Out of the 59 Traveller Residential Sites and 114 pitches to be found in the 133 parishes of Herefordshire, Bosbury and Coddington already have 4 Travellers Residential Sites with 12 pitches. The extra numbers gives real cause for concern.
- The present infrastructure within the parishes of Bosbury and Coddington is under strain. The Primary School is over-subscribed and there are at present 24 dwellings that already have planning permission to be built in the area.
- The definition of "transit" pitches is a very loose one - given that transit pitches can be occupied for up to 10 months of the year the site would effectively have permission for 8 permanent pitches. This is a large increase from

- Although planning permission was granted for the site in 2012 (application 122734) to increase the volume of pitches from 1 to 2 - no material changes have been made and this permission has subsequently lapsed. It is also worth noting that a condition of this application being granted was that there would not be more than 2 pitches allowed on the site in the future.
- Because of the lapse in the above planning approval the application is incorrect in what it is asking for.
- The increase in traffic generation caused by these extra pitches would put a strain on the lanes and highways in the area.
- The layout and density of the application is excessive on what is a small site with one pitch on at present.
- The site can be seen from the highway.
- The site would be a commercial enterprise run by the present resident.
- Who would be responsible for maintenance of the site?

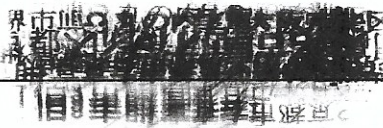
It was RESOLVED that the clerk should draw up a draft objection to this application for circulation to all councillors. Once approved this objection could then be submitted. (Proposed: Cllr Sven Bosley; Seconded: Cllr Patrick Whitehead; Unanimously agreed)

It was RESOLVED that the final submission would also be copied to Cllr Tony Johnson in order that he could ensure it was followed up by the planning officers.

7. To note the date of the next Parish Council meeting – 6th December 2018 – Coddington Church
Noted

The meeting closed at 20.20.

Signed: _____



Dated: _____

6th Dec. 2018