

# HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of an Interim Meeting Held at the Pavilion at Hothersall Lodge

**Date & time of Meeting:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 5pm

**Present:** Hothersall Councillors:

Forrester  
Thompson  
Warren  
Pearson  
Bateman  
Gale

Ribble Valley Councillors: Dave Smith & Jim Rogerson

Note: Cllr Smith advised the Chairman that due to the forthcoming election he would not take part in any discussion.

**1. Apologies of absence** were received from Chairman Julie Parry

(Cllr Ian Forrester took the Chair for the meeting)

**2. Declarations of Interest** - none

**3. Public Participation** – 6 members of the public were present

**4. The Minutes of the Meeting** held on Mon 6 Feb 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Chairman Cllr Forrester.

It was agreed that matters arising from these minutes would be discussed at the AGM on 8 May 2017

**5. Correspondence** -

Draft School Place Provision Strategy email 23/03/17. Closing for comments 28/04/17 – there were no comments to relay from Hothersall Parish Council.

RVBC Public Space Protection Orders letter dated 12/04/17 discussion followed regarding Dog control Order. Pre consultation questionnaire was completed accordingly.  
Clerk to return by 28/04/17

Letter from Michelle Watts of Hothersall Hall on behalf of the Action Group dated 14/04/17. Content discussed in later business.

**6. Planning:** BKW Developments Ltd - Employment land at Higher College Farm

Cllr Forrester & Cllr Rogerson spoke about the Core Strategy and the difference between Forward (potential) and live planning issues. There followed some discussion between Hothersall Cllrs and Cllr Rogerson regarding minuted evidence that Longridge Town Council were aware of and discussed this land on more than one occasion without any reference to Hothersall Parish Council. Cllr Thompson concluded that in fact this was historical and irrelevant to the process now.

Cllr Bateman summarised the responses received in correspondence to Hothersall Parish Council and at the Open meeting in March 2017. Main concerns were traffic, road safety, HGV access to motorways, school issues and character of the area. There were no positive comments received. The summary of opinion was to oppose the application strongly.

Cllr Forrester commented on the Special Planning Meeting he attended 6 April 2017. He stated that there were issues of concern with the procedure.

Cllr Rogerson pointed out that the Regulation 19 consultation which begins on 28 April 2017 for 6 weeks now includes the Mark Hurst site at Higher College Farm but not the BKW Development site.

Cllr Thompson commented on recent poor responses & inaccuracies at RVBC.

Cllr Warren gave an update as Chair of Governors at Hillside School. He advised that the governing body cannot comment apart from via LEA/LCC. He has forwarded information to all parties. He advised that it is in the hands of LEA/LCC to respond.

Cllr Bateman gave an update from the Residents Action Group meeting held 25/04/17. Resident Rob Hindle had attended the Action group meeting and offered to help with Parish Council response to the application. **The closing date is 11 May 2017.** Representations can be made by email or formal letter to RVBC direct. Discussion followed regarding the content of the Transport Statement accompanying the application. As agreed this matter will be added to the PC agenda of 8/5/17 meeting for further discussion.

Cllr Bateman advised that the action group suggested a newsletter be created giving guidelines for submission of objection to RVBC. Cllrs Bateman & Gale agreed to produce this, Clerk to forward this to all residents that are on email, hard copies will be distributed by volunteers to those residents that are not currently on our emailing list.

**Way forward** – a meeting of the councillors to be held at Butcher Fold Farm 7pm Weds 3 May 2017 to approve draft representation as prepared by Rob Hindle.

At this point Cllr Forrester proposed from the chair:

**Hothersall Parish Council to strongly oppose the BKW development at Higher College Farm.  
Seconded by Cllr Lynda Bateman and unanimously carried.**

**7. Co-option** Cllr Thompson then proposed Maria Gee of Bashalls Farm be co-opted to Hothersall Parish Council on the retirement from the council of Cllr Mike Pearson

Seconded by Cllr Warren.

All further business on the agenda was to be carried forward to the agenda for the AGM 8 May 2017.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

**Next Meeting to be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 6.00pm**

**The Pavilion, Hothersall Lodge.**