

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Thursday 20th August 2015 in St Lawrence's Church, Main Street, Thornton Curtis.

Present: In the Chair: Cllr R. Brixton, Cllr A Tulloch, Cllr E Davey, Cllr P Grainger, Cllr S Leach.
In Attendance: Mrs C Tooby (Clerk), Ferry Ward Cllrs D. Wells, P Clark, Mr Gary Hughes (representing Villecom) and 10 members of the public.

1. **To Note Apologies for Absence** Ferry Ward Cllr R. Hannigan, Cllr C Couch, Cllr I. Whelpton
2. **To Note Declarations of Interest** Dispensations have already been granted and signed in respect of applications at this site.
3. **To Receive Public Participation** Cllr Brixton informed the meeting that the police had been made aware of threatening behaviour towards people who had spoken at previous meetings, and that any further instances should be reported in writing to the clerk. He emphasised that the Council would not tolerate bullying and that the public had a right to make reasonable comment on any planning applications discussed.
A member of the public addressed Garry Hughes with specific questions regarding increased traffic, noise and devaluation of property. He also raised concerns that HGVs would arrive early (before 7am) and park up on the roadside, and that local drivers may be tempted to take shortcuts through the village lanes. Mr Hughes responded to say it was not a landfill application but a restoration scheme, and that the site entrance would be specifically designed to avoid traffic coming through the village. Cllr Davey corrected a number of factually incorrect statements made by Mr Hughes, and the Chairman closed the public participation period.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 9th August 2015.** Cllr Tulloch proposed the minutes of 09.08.2015 should be accepted as a true and correct record; seconded by Cllr Davey and resolved.
5. **To consider councillor's reports on Waste Disposal Application WD/2015/0887.**
Hilly Pits, Thornton Road. Planning permission for the restoration of a former chalk pit to a conservation afteruse including the import of construction, demolition and excavation wastes (Re-submission of WD/2013/0339).
Updates on the councillors' reports took place, as follows:
Noise -unanimously agreed this was complete.
Heritage -there was a discrepancy as to when quarrying ceased, but all agreed it was certainly pre 2nd World War.

Ecology - Cllr Davey added that the sustainability of the existing ecology would be compromised due to the void being filled and pushing any floodwater into the pond which is the habitat for Great Crested Newts. Agreed this was a key point to add into the report.

Highways- unanimously agreed this was complete.

Pollution/Contamination - Cllr Davey proposed that groundwater pollution should be included in this section, and highlighted that the Environment Agency's predictive data is out of date and therefore not accurate. If the void continued to be filled to the top, a fast flooding event could swamp the village and also put farming livelihoods at risk. Mr Hughes disputed Mr Davey's information and produced the Environment Agency's flood risk map. A further exchange of words took place, and the Chairman asked Mr Hughes to leave the meeting, which he did so, accompanied by Mr J Chapman. It was noted that Mr Hughes' map showed predictions for river and sea flooding, but not surface-water flooding which is the main issue. Cllr Tulloch expressed disappointment that the meeting had endured Mr Hughes' views and interruptions unnecessarily.

Cllr Grainger suggested that it would be better for the council to work with the applicants rather than have continual confrontation, and proposed that the council should rescind its decision and not submit an objection. The proposal was not seconded, and the chairman confirmed the objection would be submitted as scheduled. A draft document will be circulated to all councillors beforehand.

6. Any Other Business There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 19.40 hrs.

Next meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 7th September at St Lawrence's Church.