

# REMPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING** held in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday 21st March 2011 prior to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Mr D Walker (Chair) Mrs J Taylor Mr R Beeby  
Mr J Santoro Mrs A Lovett  
Mrs N Dalton Mr D Bunker

Mrs J Walker, Clerk, was in attendance and County Councillor Mrs L Sykes and Borough Councillor Mr R Adair together with nineteen members of the public.

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Cllr Mrs N Dalton declared an expression of interest in Item 3(e) but as this item had already been discussed in 2009 at full Council, at a time when Mrs Dalton was not a Councillor, the Chairman felt it was not necessary for her to leave the room (though she did not take part in the discussion) as this current application was for minor changes and for Listed Building Consent that had not been applied for in 2009.

**1. Apologies** – apologies were received from Mrs P Oldroyd and Mr & Mrs B Kenney.

**2. Open Discussion Time** for Planning Issues only

Regarding British Gypsum (Item 3a) concern was expressed that there might be an increase in traffic as a result of this application. The Chairman reported that we have not yet received a full application but that all we have seen is a Scoping Report. The potential increase in vehicles has been pointed out to Gypsum and because of the improvements to the A46 we have lodged with Notts. County Council the need to have the traffic monitored through the village.

**3. Planning Issues**

- (a) British Gypsum. Proposed south western extension to Marblaegis Mine to extract gypsum and anhydrite from beneath land in the vicinity of Costock, Rempstone and East Leake. Comments requested from NCC. **Awaiting Planning Application.**
- (b) Star Energy Oil & Gas Ltd, Rempstone 'A' Well Site, Wymeswold Road, Rempstone. To retain the existing site for oil and gas production for a further 10 years and to drill an additional well. Comments requested from NCC. **Permission Granted.**
- (c) 11/00157/CMA Cemex UK Operations Ltd., OS Field 4900 Ashby Road, Rempstone, Leics. Extension to existing quarry involving the extraction of sand and gravel with restoration of site to agriculture and wetland conservation. The Chairman said that Cemex have already made a start; that we have discussed the adjacent site in previous meetings and have returned a response of no objection. **Awaiting decision.**
- (d) 11/00180/COU Stanford Hall, Melton Road, Stanford-on-Soar, Leics. LE12 5QW. Change of use of land and buildings for up to 90 temporary festival events a year (including temporary installations: stages, marquees, catering facilities, camping and caravan accommodation, parking).

There was strong opposition to this application with emphasis on traffic implications and loud music that is an invasion of privacy and the fact that it would affect villages in both Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire for miles around. It was not easy to disseminate the request because of the mix of numbers of events and vehicles involved and car parking spanning the whole of the A6006 frontage with extra required from neighbouring farmers. All access to the site is from the A6006 and coach parking access and egress is to be from the Stanford south gate. It was confirmed that no application had been received for any car boot sales to start on 9th April. One letter of objection, that the Clerk read out, had been received and a telephone objection. It was unanimously agreed to return an objection with observations concerning key issues as follows: traffic and road safety; insufficient car parking; noise pollution; little acoustic control for open air events and lack of credibility with sufficient advance notice of events. The application is totally unacceptable in a rural environment.

- (e) 11/00193/FUL The Bothy, Main Street, Rempstone, Leics. LE12 6RH.  
(Demolition of dwelling). Construction of two storey dwelling and detached garage  
(revised scheme).

The Chairman said that we had this application before us in 2009 but not for listed building consent. A full approval was given on this site and is still current and runs until June 2012. Minor changes have now been made in respect of the layout of the garages and one of the staircases. The application for listed building consent should have been included in the original approval. The Clerk then read out the response given to the 2009 application.

The Councillors felt that the new minor changes were not significant enough to change their decision of 2009 and once again decided to send a return to object with observations. A vote was taken with 2 abstentions and 4 objections. The observations were concerned with: the impact on No. 44 Main Street; deep excavations that would affect the mature trees; materials to be used for the construction of the property would not be in keeping with the adjacent thatched property and the access/egress adjacent to the traffic lights controlled at the crossroads would cause safety issues at this point on the A6006.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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