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**Minutes of the Bluntisham Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 8.00pm in The Village Hall, Mill Lane,  
Bluntisham**

**Present:** Vice Chairman Mr Gary James, Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Frank Hudson, Mr Roger Steel, Mrs Philippa Hope, Mrs Cynthia Curtis, Mr Martin Crowhurst, Mr Rob Gore.

**Also present:** 5 x members of the public

	<p><b>Open forum</b> Mr Gary James welcomed all to the meeting and opened the forum. Mr Harry potter raised concern with the damage to the road at the crossroads from the existing and potential increase in vehicle movement from the ENVAR site. Also the detritus which is left behind on the road surface, which is never cleared. Mrs Sue Everest asked with an extension to the opening hours and an increase in business for ENVAR the community should benefit from S106 money. Mrs Kathy Searle mentioned that application H/5005/17/CW had been omitted from this agenda. This application also refers to ENVAR site. Meeting open 8.06pm</p>	
90	<b>Dispensation Forms received &amp; decisions given - None</b>	
91	<b>Declarations of interest for items on the agenda – None.</b>	
92	<b>Apologies for absence –</b> Cllr Steve Criswell, Cllr Robin Carter, Cllr Mike Francis, Mr Mark Berg, Mrs Tracey Davidson (clerk)	
93	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Local plan consultation – seminar 8<sup>th</sup> August update from Kathy Searle.</b> Mrs Kathy Searle advised the final date for the parish to comment on the proposed new local plan is 25.8.17. The consultation started on 3.7.17. Her personal view was this wasn't enough time for the parish to read and digest the document to comment. She encourages all residents to view the consultation on the HDC website and comment <a href="#">click here</a> to access the website and the document. Following the appeal for the 180 dwellings in Buckden where the inspectorate advised HDC were not meeting their 5 year planning target. HDC are now reviewing the appeal in detail and advised this may impact decisions for future proposals. Mrs Philippa Hope discussed the reasons for the appeal and raised concern with future applications of a similar size being approved by HDC rather than through the appeal process. See <b>appendix 1</b> for a summary of reasons or visit HDC website for all documents: Planning reference: 16/00576/OUT Mr Gary James thanked Mrs Kathy Searle for attending the Local plan seminar on behalf of Bluntisham PC. Mr Gary James asked the clerk to inform the Colne Road Action Group of the Buckden decision.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Approve &amp; sign TOR and planning assessment template –</b> Mrs Kathy Searle asked for this item to be delayed as she would like the planning committee to have delegated powers to make decisions on planning applications, which contradicts the decision agreed by the full PC at the last meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July ref:85. The decision to delay was agreed until the next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. <i>(Proposed Mrs Kathy Searle, seconded Mr Martin Crowhurst. All</i></p> </li> </ul>	Clerk

*agreed.)*  
 It was agreed to use the new planning assessment template for all new applications. *(Proposed Mr Rob Gore, seconded Mrs Philippa Hope. All agreed.)*

- **H/5006/17/CW – Extension of concrete pad for maturation of compost with drainage balancing lagoons, reed bed, perimeter earth bunds screening – ENVAR Composting Ltd** – a discussion around the application included concern with an increase of traffic movement & condition of the highway. However the PC voted in support of the proposal with the following conditions: wheel wash cleaning equipment to be installed and repair of the main road and contribution towards road safety improvements on the crossroads – Mrs Kathy Searle, Mr Roger Steel, Mr Gary James, Mr Frank Hudson, Mr Rob Gore, Mrs Cynthia Curtis all voted to APPROVE the application. Mrs Philippa Hope & Mr Martin Crowhurst voted to REJECT the application. *(Proposed Mr Frank Hudson, seconded Mr Rob Gore. 6 in favour 2 against)*
- **17/01386/LBC – Removal of cement render. Wisteria Cottage, 26 High Street** – the application was discussed and the parish council voted to APPROVE this application. *(Proposed Mrs Philippa Hope, seconded Mr Frank Hudson. All agreed.)*
- **17/01416/HHFUL – Amendment to approved development ref: 17/00384/HHFUL to now include a second storey extension over new hallway to create upstairs study. 4 Station Road** – the application was discussed and the parish council voted to APPROVE the amendment to this application. *(Proposed Mr Martin Crowhurst, seconded Mr Roger Steel. All agreed.)*

94 **Items for consideration (for information only)**  
 Mrs Sue Everest raised concern with an amended plan for the proposed change of use of vacant land at Station Yard, Station Road, application ref:17/00604/FUL which is increasing the entrance to the site. This increase will impact on the Oak Tree and potential sewage pipes. The clerk has notified the officer to ask if the PC can submit additional comments, however, the case officer is on leave.  
***Post meeting note: the clerk confirmed that she contacted Dallas Owen on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August to advise of this fact.***

Meeting closed 9.05pm      Next meeting: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Future Meeting dates**

Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	2017
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> November	2017
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> December	2017