

THORPE MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Thorpe Malsor Parish Council held virtually on 29th March 2021.

Present: Cllr F Pope (Chair), Cllr E Stevenson, Cllr J Rawson, Cllr H Sharp (acting Clerk)
No members of the public attended.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Holborow (see below).

2. Declarations of Interest

Prior to the meeting Cllr Holborow had declared an interest in the planning application NK/2021/0043 and did not attend.

3. Approval and signature of minutes of the Ordinary meeting of 1st March 2021.

The minutes were approved without amendment and will be signed by the Chair when possible.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Open Forum (public participation session).

No members of the public attended.

6. To consider: Planning Application NK/2021/0043

Proposal: Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of new grain store building
Location: Agricultural Yard, Kettering Road, Thorpe Malsor

The drawings and documents associated with the application were reviewed. No dimensions had been included for the existing agricultural building, but from the block plan it appeared the footprint of the replacement building would be more than double that of the existing building. It was also commented that it was impossible to visualise the overall impact of the new grain store as the height of the current building was not included, however the replacement of this old, dilapidated building was generally considered to be an improvement. It was suggested that some landscaping to the east might soften the visual impact of this considerably larger, modern building within the setting, improving the view from homes in The Square and the approach from Kettering along the Loddington Road.

It was not clear to members if any grain drying is currently carried out in the building proposed for demolition. It was noted that the Borough Council's Environmental Protection Team Leader had concerns regarding the noise levels associated with grain driers and the potential impact on the amenity of nearby residents. Further information had been supplied regarding the noise levels but it was unclear from the documents available how many fans would be required in the fan house and the plans did not include information to indicate if soundproofing would be

implemented, as is recommended in the manufacturer's fan house design advice.

It was noted that this is a rural village with a working farm at its heart and for many residents the activities associated with livestock and agriculture are an ever present, valued feature of the daily life of the village. It was also noted that some residents in The Square had expressed concerns to councillors about environmental issues, including noise and dust. The movement of trailers during the late evening during harvest might also be a potential issue for nearby residents. It was acknowledged that if grain drying is causing a nuisance the local authority can place restrictions on the operational activities.

It was resolved that the council raise a concern in relation to the potential noise and other environmental impacts on nearby residents, but indicate that the opinion of the Environmental Health officer would be accepted. It was also agreed to ask that consideration be given to including some landscaping in the proposal, in the form of trees and/or hedges, to soften the impact of the building and help mitigate any potential noise and dust impacts.

7. Close.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

Signed:(Chair)

Date: