

**Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council**  
**Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council's Planning Committee held at Kirkby La Thorpe School, Church Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe, on Thursday 28<sup>h</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm**

Present: **Cllrs Monteith, White, Parker and Johnson, Mrs D Scott (Clerk).**

Cllr Johnson took the chair, in Cllr Hipworth's absence

1/16. Apologies for Absence –Cllrs Hipworth, Bridgen, Yates

2/16 14/1480/VARCON Lakeview (Formally Sleaford Ballast Pits) Mareham Lane Application to remove condition 4 to allow for the permitted mobile home development to be used for 365 day residential use attached to planning permission 02/1147/FUL

At the last meeting of the Parish Council it was understood that amendments had just been submitted by the applicant but unfortunately the Parish Council had not had sight of them. The draft minutes of that meeting said *'it was agreed that, subject to the amendments not addressing the objections, the Parish Council's previous comments still stood. Cllr Parker was willing to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the relevant NKDC Planning Committee. Cllr Harrison agreed to call in the application'*.

Cllr Harrison called in the application shortly afterwards.

The amendments had since been noted as being a further reduction in the number of units to 149, a move which may have been considered to address part of the concerns. The meeting had been called to clarify that.

Councillors accepted that 149 units would arguably be a better proposal than the original 350 units for which permission had already been granted, but they felt that objections on the grounds of lack of local infrastructure, lack of on-site facilities and potential isolation of residents were still valid. They also noted that there was some risk, if the application was refused, that the site may be developed in future as a 350 unit site, with perhaps less prestigious accommodation.

It was noted that the proposed layout avoided the land adjacent to the gas mains by the necessary distance.

After much discussion it was proposed by JM, seconded by SJ and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk respond, reiterating the concerns about the lack of local infrastructure and onsite facilities and pointing out that footpath improvements were needed for the path's whole length towards Sleaford, either using the existing PROW heading north or running alongside Mareham Lane into town, not just the short section that abutted the Mareham Lane roadway as indicated on the plan, to enable use throughout the year.

It was agreed that Cllr Parker, if he was available, would attend the relevant NKDC Planning Committee to express these concerns. The Clerk would forward any notification she received about the meeting to him.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

