

LANGCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held in Langcliffe Institute on Monday 13th November 2019 at 7.00pm.

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Councillors present – G. Cross (Chairman), H. Jarvis, B. Fiorato, I. Johnson, J. Bagnall, B. Croft D. Staveley (CDC), A. Blackburn (Clerk). Public present – None.

1. Apologies for Absence – J. Sugden.

2. Planning Application

C/48/24R – Fairhurst-stone, Langcliffe – New offices and other alterations including relocation of existing concrete processing plant.

Council discussed the application and resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:

1) The planning application is incorrect and falsely leads Council to believe that part of the application is for relocating a previously approved concrete processing plant, in fact this document is a first application for a concrete processing plant, the plant has been operating for over 12 months without necessary planning permission.

2) The concrete processing plant on the plan is shown substantially larger than the plant which has been operating without planning permission, this leads Council to believe that an increase of production is planned for the site which would therefore increase the cement contaminant being taken onto the B6479, which has greatly affected local residents.

3) There is no mention within the planning application of mechanisms to be installed at the site for the prevention of contaminant escaping on to the B6479 or into the River Ribble.

Local residents have suffered cement contaminant coming from this site for the last 12 months and have expressed numerous concerns to Council.

The main concern being the cement contaminant being taken from the site on to the road via the concrete wagon's wheels, this contaminant is then flicked into the air by all passing vehicles, especially in wet weather, the resulting cement spray/dust settling on local residents houses, cars, & inhaled by anyone in the vicinity. The health of the local residents must be a main concern and therefore the Fairhurst-stone site and associated planning application is currently not considered adequate in this regard by Council.

(H.S.E. information - exposure to silica, one of the main components of cement can lead to silicosis, and even death). www.hse.gov.uk/ling-disease/cement-concrete-manufacture.htm

The road sweeper intermittently employed by the site is not effective, prevention methods need to be employed by the site to retain contaminant within the works, and disposed of responsibly.

4) The proposed location of the cement processors is in the Council's opinion too close to public footpaths and the river, and should be placed more central to the site, dust escapes from the processors when loading and could affect pedestrians/ walkers as they pass by, and similarly affect aquatic habitation within the river, and persons who fish there.

Meeting Closed 7.40pm

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