



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of the Parish Council held in the Library, Boughton under Blean Village Hall on Tuesday 31st October 2023 from 7:05pm to 7:31pm.

Present: Cllr C. Clayson, Cllr C. Goatham, Cllr S. Moakes, Cllr I. Linfield

Also present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk)

105. Apologies

Cllr D. Clayson

106. Declaration of Interests

None

107. Minutes

- Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 17th October 2023 (minutes 092-095) were circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read and confirmed. Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2023 were approved.

108. Current Planning Matters

A. **23/503812/SUB** - Submission of Details to Discharge condition 3 - Battery Safety, Phase 3.
Land at Cleve Hill, Graveney

After discussion it was noted to object to the application with the following comments:

- The application as submitted does not contain enough detailed information to make an informed decision and the Parish Council requests that further information be made available before Swale Borough Council makes any consideration for a decision on the application.
- The application has not provided for an evacuation plan/policy in relation to an emergency response, which is of significant concern to the surrounding areas extending beyond Graveney to Boughton under Blean.
- There is no consideration within the supporting documentation for the ecological damage in the surrounding area in the event of a battery fire, including potential flooding and pollution of water.
- There are concerns with regard to the volume of water available in the event of a battery fire. The supporting documentation notes that there is enough water to cool the batteries but does not evidence that there is enough water to be able to put out a fire.
- There are highway safety concerns regarding a response time for emergency services to travel toward a battery fire at the site, given that the highway infrastructure consists of rural lanes which are narrow in part and surrounding main roads, offset by the volume of traffic that would exit the area at the same time. A build-up of traffic resulting in being in a static location at the time of a fire could pose a threat to personal health.
- The Parish Council endorses the views as submitted by the Faversham Society.
- The Parish Council requests that Swale Borough Council give consideration to delaying making a decision until there is appropriate legislation in place.
- The Parish Council requests that if Swale Borough Council is mindful to make a decision, that the matter is taken to the Planning Committee for further consideration before a decision is made.

Chairman's Initial.....

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting