**Minutes of Appleton with Eaton Parish Council**

**Planning Meeting**

**Appleton Village Hall, Monday 23rd November 2015 at 7.00pm**.

Susan Blomerus – Parish Clerk – 19/11/2015

**Minutes**

**Present:** Mr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (Parish Clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Mrs Liz Gilkes, Mr James Mansfield (Chairman), Dr Mark Richards, Mr Tony Sibthorp, Mrs Anna Yalci

**Also present:** Mr Keith Stammers, Mr Daniel Little, Mrs Penny Moorley, Mr Charles Moorley, Mrs Claire Salmon, Mr Andrew Salmon, Mr Richard Tyack, Mr Don Portman, Mr Barrie Hammond, Mrs Margaret Hammond, Mr David Alner, Mrs Maureen Alner, Mr Duncan Todd, Mrs Margaret Howard, Mr Brian Howard, Mrs Linda Boulton, Mr Colin Davis, Mr Jeremy Salmon, Mr Nick Trinder, Mr Robert Munro, Mrs Patience Tuckwell, Mr Tim Stimpson, Mrs Jeanette Stimpson, Mr Howard Thomas, Mrs Carole Thomas, Mr Ben Connolly, Mr James Little, Mr Nicholas Hales, Ms Rebekah White, Mrs Anne Peart, Miss Jo Carver, L. Lewis-Crosby

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Public questions and statements:**

A high number of residents expressed their concerns regarding the paintballing site here is summarised version of their concerns:

Mrs Linda Bolton: Noise, opening hours, increase in traffic

Mrs Claire Salmon: Access track, noise and believes it will have a detrimental impact on the village.

Mr Charles Moorley: Noise concern, lighting, access track, increase in traffic including coaches and believes it will bring no benefit to the village

Mrs Penny Moorley: speed limit concerns

Mr Hales: Does not agree with the promotion of guns so close to the primary school.

Mr Duncan Todd: Road through village is national cycle route, limited parking at The Plough, noise impact assessment has not been carried out by an independent assessor with noise levels measured against the thresholds used in the British Standard which applies to paintballing i.e. BS4142.

Stimpson family: noise concern, increase in traffic, opening hours are long

Mr Richard Tyack: Concerns regarding the affect the site will have on the woods and wildlife with noise and lights from the site.

Mr Nick Trinder: informed the council that 500 shots per player can be discharged in a 2-hour period that would be 20,000 shots per hour. That is about 6 shots per second

Mr Howard Thomas: Noise of the compressor

Mr Daniel Little: informed the council that with regards to the car parking, the physical area would fit 100 cars but he would however only ever expect 25 cars at a time. Mr Little is aware that sound is a main issue, and he is be happy to do further sound tests. There will only be 10 players at a time.

1. **Planning**

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| **Applications** |
| **(i)** | **P15/V2417/FUL** | Land on Eastern Side of Eaton Road opposite Hengrove House Eaton Road Appleton OX13 5JJ | Change of use of agricultural field to incorporate a small tournament paintball training site and to include 2 x 4G artificial grass pitches, safety netting system, grass picnic area, compressed air equipment housing container, admin office/first aid post, parking area.**Object:**The Appleton with Eaton Parish Council object to this planning application on the grounds of:* Character of the area: A paintballing site is not in keeping with Appleton Village.
* Design appearance and layout: The parish council have concerns regarding the size of the car park and concerns regarding the construction of the access track
* Noise disturbance: The noise of the people playing the sport and the opening hours of the site, which is excessive, will have a massive impact on the people living near the site.
* Highway safety issues: The site and access track is on a national cycle route, national speed limit for the road is 60 miles an hour and there are concerns regarding the visibility of the junction.
* Traffic generation: Increase of traffic through village due to car park for 100 cars
* Loss of important facilities: the paintballing site is close to Besselsleigh Woods which belongs to the Vale of White Horse District Council and is managed by a village group. The parish council are concerned that the noise from the paintballing site will deter people from using the woods as it will no longer be a tranquil area.
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| **(ii)** | **P15/V2579/HH P15/V2580/LB** | Appleton House Netherton Road Appleton Abingdon OX13 5JX | Proposed repair and renovation of existing front elevation to remove 1960's pebble dash render and renovate existing original wall behind. This is a minor amendment to current approval P13/V1502/HH & P13/V1503/LB. (retrospective)**No objections** |

1. **Matters for report:**
* The clerk was asked to request an extension on the planning application P15/V2417/FUL.

Meeting closed at 20:05pm