

# HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2015 at 6:30pm at Hempnall Playing Field

**ACTION**

### Present

Chairman Mr David Hook, Vice Chairman Mr Richard Delf, Mrs Liz Allen, Mr Steve Burley, Mr Roger Parker, Mr Peter Workman and the Clerk Mr Ian Nelson.

### Members of the public present

Mrs Lisa Mathieson, Yvonne Davy, Dr Stephen Griffiths, Mr Trevor Shurmer.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr M Turner.

### Declarations of Interest

Mrs Allen & Mr Hook declared an interest in the MUGA matter.

### Minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Delf proposed, Mr Parker seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the minutes of the meeting on 14 July were approved.

### Public Participation

Main points of note re the position of the MUGA were:

- To be off-line from the tennis courts and 15m from them.
- The youth shelter not to be repositioned.
- To be 5m from the football pitch
- The concrete existing pad would not be reusable
- Consideration should be given to avoid the gas main route – Mr Burley to supply a map of this.
- The zip wire should be positions along the hedge line for safety reasons

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### Play Area Project

Taking the above points into account and following measurement, a suitable location / area was mapped out for the extended play area and ideas provided re the position of the MUGA.

Mr Workman proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Mrs Mathieson should redesign the proposed play equipment layout and that planning application be sought for the MUGA as soon as possible on the condition that the position of the MUGA fell in line with the principles agreed at this meeting. The clerk will provide the relevant chq for the application.

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### Planning Applications

Mr J Hollis Springwood Spring Lane Hempnall Norfolk NR15 2NT - Retrospective application for change of use of land to retain existing forestry accommodation (2 no caravans)

Mr Workman proposed, Mr Delf seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the following representation be made to the meeting, County Councillor will read this out:

“1) Hempnall Parish Council has an adopted policy which states that: Any further development of the village should be incorporated within the defined development boundary and only accommodate infill or small groups of dwellings and small scale business or services.

This application for a residential development outside the defined development boundary of Hempnall, if allowed, would contravene this policy.

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2) SNC saved policy ENV 8 (Development in the open countryside) aims to restrict development to within development limits and village boundaries of existing settlements. This proposal does not comply with this main objective of ENV 8.

3) For new development outside defined settlement limits e.g. farm diversification schemes (Policy EMP 8) or dwellings for rural enterprises (policy HOU 9) SNC expects that the applicant is able to demonstrate the necessity of their location and that they will be of benefit to rural communities.

We do not consider that the applicant has supplied sufficient detailed information to satisfy these requirements of EMP 8 or HOU 9.

Furthermore we do not accept that residential development here is essential for agriculture or forestry purposes (as required by ENV 8 for an exception).

3) NPPF paragraph 55 states: Local planning authorities should avoid new isolated homes in the countryside unless there are special circumstances. We do not accept that there are special circumstances in this instance.

4) The Parish Council has been critical of the continued residential occupation of this site for several years and has consistently objected to planning applications for this location. Enforcement orders have either been ignored or not pursued and we are now faced with a retrospective application which in itself is bad practice that should not be encouraged by an LPA. It is particularly galling for local people who play by the rules.

5) With regard to the forestry enterprise undertaken by the applicant we ask whether planning permission has ever been obtained for this work and if planning permission is necessary in order that an application for forestry accommodation be granted.

In conclusion we thank you for considering our concerns and trust that they will be given a fair hearing at the meeting on July 22.

Should permission be granted, on the grounds that the accommodation is a necessity for a forestry enterprise, we request that a condition is attached so that only those involved in the forestry business can live on the premises. Presumably this is a required condition when development is permitted outside a development boundary for forestry purposes in the same way as when an agricultural exemption is allowed restrictions are placed on the accommodation limiting usage to those engaged in agriculture.”

## **Date of next meeting**

The following meeting (subject to receipt of applications) will be primarily planning at 7:30pm on 11 August 2015.

The next Parish Council main meeting will take place on 15 September 2015 at 7:30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10:10pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11 August 2015