

Boyton Parish Council Minutes

held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on 25 January 2021



	Attendance Chair - Richard Jesty (RJ), Vice Chair John Pilgrim (JP), Iain Johnston (IJ), Andrew Cassy (AC), 10 members of the public	
1.	Apologies received - DC Cllr James Mallinder, SCC Cllr Andrew Reid	
2.	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations on Agenda item IJ declared personal but non-pecuniary interest	
3	<p>The meeting was held to consider Planning Application DC/20/5260/FUL - redevelopment of agricultural buildings to holiday lets, an events centre, office accommodation, etc. at the Butley Abbey Farm</p> <p>RJ shared the site plan which shows the path from Priory to proposed main site - RJ described location as left past turning of Butley High Corner - past couple of cottages to very old archway. Proposal to convert existing buildings - farmhouse, historic buildings and archaeology remains - to events centre/dining area, courtyard and main car park, holiday lets, demolition of some farm buildings and new build houses - Site Manager would be near historic buildings. Access to site would be corner Boyton Butley Road. RJ shared the proposed document. and external cgi views</p> <p>Village comments</p> <p>Concerns raised regarding noise - already hear music very loudly in Boyton from weddings at Priory. 120 parking spaces- suggested attendees could potentially be 500. Concern that development has inbuilt growth for i.e. music festivals. Query is the site designated as a music venue or business daytime events - understand the use of the building and planning for them comes separately at a later time - impression given is main aim is wedding venue and corporate gatherings. Query if anything in the plan for overnight guests - small number of holiday lets with 10 bedrooms and existing Farmhouse will have accommodation - perhaps not related to attendees of weddings.</p> <p>Concern raised it will become a travel destination suggesting there are plenty of alternative venues that would present much more appropriate facilities and infrastructure - it will bring a lot more visitors to the area, traffic will be a nightmare, concern already with tractors - seems way beyond what this locality can provide. 120 cars x4 people in each car - plus additional catering trucks, AV, lighting, sound on a narrow road with a sharp bend in it is too much. One track roads are unable to handle more traffic safely. JP raised a concern that many people visiting the events centre will also visit other already-popular sites such as Boyton Marshes while in the area, overloading our own Parish's facilities and road network. Discussion on diversifying and acceptable use of the buildings to generate more revenue - no question of quality will be done to best possible level. Sustainability aspects - a lot of thought gone into waste management.</p> <p>Concern scale is out of proportion in this rural setting - for ES Planning Committee to decide.</p> <p>RJ requested vote from BPC on how to respond to this planning application. IJ abstained - For - none, Neutral - one, Against - two</p> <p>To remind people that individuals can submit a response on ES Planning by 4 February - PC response is only equivalent to one resident's.</p> <p>JP suggested that BPC's objection comments should clarify that we see the value of conserving historic buildings through diversification, such as conversion to accommodation, but the events centre and accompanying noise, light and traffic is the main concern</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	RJ thanked everybody for attending and meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.	
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