

**ARTHINGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Present:-** Councillors Sue Handy (Chairman), Lesley Sanderson, Michael Kennedy, Keith Ross, Graham Robinson

**Apologies:-** Cllrs. Liz Ellis (personal), Bernadette Kennedy (personal)

**Attendees:-** None

**Declarations of Interest:-** None

**Comments from the Public:-** None

**Planning Applications:-**

**2023/5348/MAF**  
**Erection of Barn , New access to Braybrooke & Installation of lighting columns.**  
**(retrospective)**  
**Golden Paddock Braybrooke Road Market Harborough LE16 2JW**

The Parish Council strongly object to the above application for the following reasons:-

**Building:-**

- 1) The building is oversized for the size of the plot
- 2) The barn is situated on a ridge and the lights (which are on intermittently through the night) show through the glazed rooflights and are visible over a considerable area.
- 3) It should be noted that the plan showing the new access and light positions is incorrect as the barn is situated on the boundary. The 'part block' plan shows the correct size and position.
- 4) It should be noted that the application states there are no windows in the barn but 7 glazed rooflights are visible on the 'proposed barn plan' with presumably 7 on the other side.

**New Access:-**

- 1) The parish council see no requirement for a second access. If this access is to be kept the old access should be permanently closed.

**Lighting Columns:-**

- 1) The light poles are 4 metres high and there are 5 floodlights in a very small area. The parish council feel that this is excessive and that there is no requirement for this amount of lighting.
- 2) The site is on a ridge and the lights, which are on intermittently through the night, are visible over a very wide area. There have been reports of the lights being visible from Desborough, from main and local roads and from the village of Arthingworth and surrounding parishes.
- 3) The light pollution is detrimentally affecting the surrounding area which is unacceptable.
- 4) The light pollution is adversely affecting the wildlife in the area which is not acceptable in a rural area.
- 5) The lights are too high, too bright and there are too many for the size of the plot.

The parish council has received many complaints regarding the light pollution and request that the planning committee visit the site and surrounding area so that the light pollution can be properly assessed. It should also be noted that the plans appear to have several discrepancies and it is difficult to ascertain which plan is accurate and correct.

**Meeting closed at 6.58pm**