

Excerpt from Clerk's notes of Parish Council meeting of 13th September 2017:

Public Forum: The spokesperson for the Action Against Asbestos group sought confirmation that the Chairman of the Parish Council had been contacted by the Chairman of the Action group with a request for South Hykeham Parish Council to canvas North Hykeham Town Council to take action against the County Council decision to approve the planning application:- PL/0059/17 Mushroom Farm, Boundary Lane to vary conditions 1, 4, 7, 11 & 12 of the original planning permission N75/0353/15.

It was noted that the application had been approved at LCC Planning Committee meeting 03/07/17 County Offices, Newland despite strong objections from South Hykeham Parish Council, North Hykeham Town Council, North Kesteven District Council and several residents.

Cllr Mrs Whittaker confirmed that she had received an email from the Chairman of the Action Group which had been sent to her private email address. The representatives of the Action Group present were advised that the Chairman could not act in isolation without the approval of the Parish Council as a body and the Clerk had responded to the Chairman of the Action Group advising of this and had reported that his email would be dealt with at the Parish Council meeting this evening.

Cllr Roe advised that North Hykeham Town Council was not waiting for the Parish Council to lobby them to take action to stop the planning approval granted by the County Council as neither of the Councils have the power to overturn a planning decision of Lincolnshire County Council.

The recommendation from the County, District and Parish Councillors present was that the best remaining option is to approach the Environment Agency who will be ensuring compliance with the handling of hazardous waste under the requirements of an Environmental Permit which is currently under consideration by the Environment Agency. Conditions will be set by the Environment Agency and as the permit is not yet issued it is important that the group meets with the Agency preferably face to face to ensure that the conditions are very tightly tied down in order to ensure compliance. The County Councillors present volunteered to sit in on meeting with the Environment Agency in order to assist with the discussions.

It was also suggested that the group should take up the matter with Lincolnshire County Council by following its adopted complaints procedure which the County Council must respond to. If following the complaint the group feels that the answer is not satisfactory it should then follow up with a complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman. It was noted that the complaint must be lodged with the County Council first to give them the opportunity to respond before taking the matter up with the Local Government Ombudsman.

Following a site visit with the site owners and further information from Lincolnshire County Council it has been confirmed that the new site will accept some asbestos which will be brought to and from the site in sealed containers. There will be one skip on site and once it is full no more asbestos can be accepted at the site until it has been securely bulked up ready for transportation to a site out of the County where it can be finally disposed of at appropriately licenced facilities. It will not be processed at this site.

It was also suggested that another course of action for the Action Group is to approach Lincolnshire County Council through their Democratic Services Officers and ask to be given the opportunity to speak to full council about this matter at their next full council meeting. The spokesperson for the Action Group was given a paper copy of the Lincolnshire County Council minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2017 at which the planning application was approved, the planning decision notice and

the timetable for Lincolnshire County Council meetings.

The Public Forum closed at 7.28pm and the representatives present left the meeting at this point.