

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STANTON ST QUINTIN PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 23rd APRIL 2019**

1. **Present:** Mr A. Andrews (Chair); Mr E. Crossley; Mrs G. Horton;
Mrs. S. Parker; Mrs R. Whiting
Cllr H. Greenman

2. **Apologies:** Mr P. Murton

3. **Chairman's announcements:** The Chairman outlined the procedure for the meeting and, in particular, the public participation. He explained that the Parish Council had met its legal requirements for the meeting held on 26th March by displaying the Agenda on the notice boards. He had read all of the letters of objections that had been put onto the Wiltshire Council website.

4. **Public Question Time:** There were 45 members of the public present together with four representatives from Dyson

Planning Application

19/02543/FUL Hullavington Airfield
Construction of new hangar adjacent to Hangars
85 and 86 and associated works, extension to
existing runway and provision of new runway
lighting and erection of new airfield fencing

No objections

Cllr Howard Greenman stated that he had called the planning application into Committee and explained what this would mean. The parishioners were informed that they would have the opportunity to attend and speak at that meeting. He felt that it was possible that this would end up with the Strategic Planning and confirmed that the Planning Officer dealing with the application was aware of all the concerns.

The following questions were raised:

- Mr Pattison stated that he would be interested to know the future use of the airfield and whether there was a designation from the CAA. He asked how the number of flights could be relied on
- Chris Hazlewood from Dyson stated that he had attended and presented plans at previous Parish Council meetings and the runway extensions were shown on the original applications. He was disappointed that people thought they had not represented themselves properly.

It was explained that the number of flights had not been finalised but there would not be more than one flight a day by either an aircraft or a helicopter.

- Mrs Cowan stated that the noise studies had not been done as an operational airfield. The airfield had not been operational since 1985 – there had only been occasional use
Dyson's representative replied that it was still classified as an "operational airfield" and planning permission was not required to land aircraft as this was an existing use. Only the hangars and extension to the runway required planning consent.
- It was stated that Dysons had always been a source of pride in the locality but it felt that this was now being exploited and the planning permissions were expanding. What was being offered as local opportunities?
Mr Hazlewood replied that the plans were quite clear from the beginning. They are employing a lot of local people and they want to retain the use of the site. They do support local causes and had bought a defibrillator for the village
- Paul Craven raised an issue re the requirements for planning permission and Cllr Greenman replied that the Planning Officer was aware of concerns and it may likely end up with the Strategic Planning
- One of the owners from Stanton Court stated that when he was purchasing his property he had looked at the activity on the airfield and had bought it on the basis that it was not an operational airfield. He felt that there was an adequate operational airfield at Kemble.
Dyson's representative replied that that they had done nothing wrong. The airfield had been purchased and it was felt that this could be brought back into operation.
- Ms Williamson referred to a document drawn up relating to the list of aerodromes licensed by the CAA; runway lighting and rate of use etc. This document had been handed out at the meeting and will be sent to Wiltshire Council
- Hannah Allen asked what Historic England views were as it affected a Conservation Area and asked what their feedback was

Dyson's representative replied that Historic England had not replied yet to this application. Wiltshire Council's Conservation officer and Historic England had not objected to the masterplan. Dysons were trying to respect the airfield and refurbish the hangars. This is the first time that there would be a new building.

It was stated that Chris Hazlewood had been invited to give a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11th June and parishioners were welcome to come along to that meeting.

The Parish Council would take on board the comments received regarding communication to residents.

5. The Parish Council considered the application and the following comments were agreed:

No objections in principle to the construction of a new hangar or the extension to the existing runway and airfield fencing.

However, concerns had been expressed about the runway lighting which could cause light pollution to nearby properties.

There were also issues which need to be addressed regarding the use of the airfield and if the application is approved, there should be a restriction placed on the number of flights permitted and the times as there should be no night flying.

The Parish Council felt that there needed to be more clarification on this and that a noise evaluation should be carried out.

6. **Application to Register Land at Seagry Road, Stanton St Quintin as a Village Green:**

A further application had been submitted to register the small section of the Village Green which had been excluded from the previous application.

7. **Rural Facilities Survey;** This had been received from Wiltshire Council and the questionnaire was completed.

8. **Accounts for payment:**

Information Commissioner - Data Protection fee £40.00

9. **Items of report and future Agenda items:**

- Parking in the two lay-bys. To be put on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting on 14th May
- Communication with parishioners – to be on the next Agenda

Chairman

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm