

## Kettlebaston Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30th August 2023 at Kettlebaston Village Hall at 7.00pm

**Present:** Cllrs Rob Butler (Chairman), Ben Flockton, Graham Cranfield, Louise Daniels and Mary Shillington

**Attending:** Lucinda Rogers (Clerk)

#### **18/23 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Stephen Phillips and June Carpenter

#### **19/23 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

None were declared

#### **20/23 Public Forum**

No members of the public were present

#### **21/23 Planning Matters**

The Councillors reviewed the application for planning permission - DC/23/03424

Proposal: Construction of outdoor riding arena with external lighting for use in connection with an equestrian business Location: Valley Yard, Back Lane, Kettlebaston and agreed that although they support a business in the area they object to the application for the following reasons:

- a) **Increase in Traffic:** The council acknowledge that the horses stabled there for rehabilitation will reduce the number of traffic movements in comparison to if it were a livery yard used daily by individual riders. The council is concerned about the increase in traffic, particularly large lorries and horse trailers, delivery lorries and an overall increase in vehicles using the new facilities. The proposed access is to use Back Lane, a single track road without any passing places so very difficult for horseboxes, delivery lorries and cars with horse trailers. It would be better to use the existing Stud Farm entrance on The Street just down from the church as used by the stud traffic.
- b) **Proposed Lighting:** There must be consideration to neighbours about the impact of floodlights and light pollution in this dark sky area. The council is concerned that the lights do not introduce a problem such as the lighting at Ipswich Sports Club's hockey pitches at Tuddenham Road.  
There must be turn off times Suggested 10pm and the lights must be turned off when not in use. Light spillage and skyglow must be controlled and brought to a minimum.  
The lighting will need to meet the acceptable levels as outlined in the emerging Joint Local Plan Modifications Schedule LP15 to prevent, or where not practicable, mitigate and reduce to a minimum all forms of possible light pollution. Should a lighting impact assessment be carried out in this dark sky area.
- c) **Flooding at Bridge Farm Bridge** will need to be resolved before this business expansion takes place. The bridge has not been tested to see if it can take the weight of an increase in HGV's using it. The proposed water main replacement in Bildeston in Spring 2024 will see diversions through Kettlebaston for at least six weeks whilst the work takes place

- d) Any development in this special area needs to have minimum impact and maintain the sense of place and tranquillity.
- e) **Wattisham** – has Wattisham been consulted in case the lighting may cause problems with aircraft in the area
- f) **Events taking place will bring an increase in traffic which the narrow local roads will struggle to cope with.** The possibility of such an increase in use must be factored in when considering the application.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm