**Barnham Parish Council**

**Planning Committee Meeting**

**Monday, 21st February 2021. 7pm at Barnham Village Hall**

**‘DRAFT’ MINUTES**

**Present**: Parish Cllrs: Ed Wyer (Chair), John Bauer, Matthew Hawthorne, Peter Keast, Martin Belsham

Members of the Public: 5 Member of public

Clerk: Mrs. Natasha Deverell (Reporting)

**Apologies** received for Cllr. Mrs Joanna Spicer (SCC) and Cllr Andrew Smith (WSDC). Apologises received and approval for absence granted for Cllrs. Ian Heading and Susan Watson

**Declarations of interest** and requests for dispensations – none.

1. Suffolk County Council Planning reference SCC/0095/20SE

**Re-consultation**

Following applications SCC/0095/20SE and SCC/0042/21SE – 18th August 2021

**Additional Information:** Updated Ecological Air Quality Assessment and updated Appropriate Assessment.

**Application No: SCC/0095/20SE**

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Location: North Farm, Elveden Road, Barnham, Thetford. IP24 2PH

Cllr. Wyer welcomed the members of the public and went on to explain the background to the application. He proceeded to ask for public comment.

One public member requested that the Parish Council object to this latest application.

Another member of the public noted the previous objection letter that had been submitted by the previous Clerk, Caroline Dowson and asked if the Parish Council had received a response. Cllr. Wyer highlighted the process, that the council submit an objection and it is then taken into consideration with all the other inputs, it is then summarised by the Case Officer and submitted to the committee to inform a decision.

Cllr. Wyer summarised an email from Cllr Spicer in regard to this application and advised that the latest date for a site visit is now 18th March with the Committee Meeting being held on 22nd March.

Cllr. Wyer noted concern that the SCC document from the Natural Environment Team 3.2.10 seemed to imply that this had been a working quarry and if that was the case it would cast doubt over the usefulness of the document.

Cllrs. Belsham, Hawthorne and Bauer advised that they didn’t necessarily note that from the document but highlighted the point ‘Previous Barnham Quarry Approval’ and the fact it doesn’t make it clear that existing consent was for only 6 months of the year.

**Conclusion**

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council will object to this planning application.

Cllr. Wyer will prepare a response.

No response to Ecological Report.