

Horsham and Newton St. Faiths Parish Council

Minutes of special meeting to discuss the Planning Application for Engine Testing at Norwich Airport held on 25th July 2011 at 7.30pm at St Faiths Centre.

Councillors Present: Mrs. J Fisher, (chairman), Mr. D Fisher, Mr. B Coe, Mrs. A Collard, Mr. S Williams, Mr. R Wilks, Mr. J Matthewson.

Apologies: Mr. D Fortescue, Mr. P Holness, Mr. P Woodcock, Mr. R Cushing.

Also Present: Mrs. V McNally, Mrs. J Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook are awaiting the result of a Judicial Review, which is to be held in the High Court however no date has been fixed yet. Norwich City Council has asked Mr. and Mrs. Cook's solicitor for a stay as a new planning proposal is being submitted. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will agree to this if the previous planning permission granted last May could be quashed. If the planning consent is not quashed the Judicial Review will go ahead as planned. Mr. Cook has spoken to an Environmental Health officer from Broadland District Council who were impressed with the new proposals after visiting the event held at Elm Farm Country House. Scoping results have been posted on Norwich City Councils website and Mrs. Cook urged anyone who has problems to visit the site. Mrs. McNally stated that a questionnaire should be going in the Journal for all residents to fill in if they so wish. Mrs. McGhee has reported Norwich City Council to the ombudsman, as they should have acted on the illegal use of the present site earlier. This is being looked into. Conditions were that noise monitors were to be installed.

Councillor Williams felt that the airport has to do what needs to be done to keep the surrounding community happy.

The Parish Council felt that the first site earmarked for engine testing is now outdated and a large number of houses have now been built in this area. They felt that it would be favourable to put in for planning permission on a site that is workable with full discussion with all parties concerned. They also felt that we need to push the airport to enter into a section 106 agreement to nullify the original planning permission. This was proposed by Mr B Coe and seconded by Mr. S Williams. Unanimous.