

TITCHMARSH PARISH COUNCIL (TPC)

Minutes of the Public meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 2011 at 7.00 pm in The Pavilion, Drydens Close, Titchmarsh

Councillors Present:	Ian Teague (Chair) Mark Noakes Sara Wilcox	John Greig Bert Ash Ian Curtis	Sylvia Prestwich Michael Alderman Jackie Rowe
Focus of the meeting	To discuss the recently submitted planning application relocating Thrapston Cattle Market to Land off Ranway. The meeting will enable councillors to hear more directly the range of opinions held on this topic currently of special interest to the village. The Parish Council will then be then better placed to reflect the views of the village in any discussions with East Northamptonshire Council		
In Attendance	Emma Morehen (Clerk), approx. 32 parishioners and Councillor Bob Seery		
(PM) 2011/09/01	<u>Welcome by the chair</u> Ian Teague Chair to Titchmarsh Parish Council extended his thanks to all those who have taken the time to attend the public meeting.		
(PM) 2011/09/02	<u>Background information re: Relocation of Thrapston cattle Market to Land off Ranway</u> The chair gave a brief summary of the background of the planning application to those members of the public present, as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarification of the details of the planning application, (also made available for members of the public to inspect if they wish). The chair also gave a précis of the discussion which have taken place over the last 12 months with Henry H Bletsoe & Son, following their attendance at Parish Council meetings.• The chair explained the proposals for the road scheme and also the details of the traffic assessment which is supplementary to the planning application. The scheme proposes to incorporate a pinch in the road just past the entrance into the proposed cattle market site. Increased signage to deter HGV vehicles from inadvertently entering the village via Islington. Traffic management system to be implemented by Henry H Bletsoe & Son. Reversing area to be constructed enabling HGV's who "overshoot" the industrial units at Haldens Parkway to be able to reverse back in to the entrance and turn around if required.• The chair also mentioned to the public the other sites which had been considered as having potential to house the cattle market, but had been subsequently turned down.		
(PM) 2011/09/03	At this point the chair invited comments from the floor relating to the planning application to relocate Thrapston Cattle Market to land off Ranway. <u>Questions and views expressed by the electorate re: The proposed relocation of the cattle market</u> A lively discussion took place from those members of the public present, with various points being made and questions raised, which included the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern about the development of the site setting a precedence for future development towards Titchmarsh• Encroachment of Thrapston on Titchmarsh• Concerned about possible increased levels of traffic, particularly HGV traffic in to the village from the site• HGV traffic seems to have increased over the last few months from the industrial park emanating in to Titchmarsh, via Islington• Speeding along Islington• Is it not practical to have an alternative access from Haldens Parkway into the site, as opposed to an entrance along Ranway, or indeed access off the A605 ?• The development and access of the site appears to be the cheapest option for the developer but not necessarily the best access option for Titchmarsh. Concern about the site when not being used as a livestock market, being used for craft fairs/antique fairs, therefore increasing traffic to and from the site• Concern about potential squatting on the site by passing traveller community• Concern about traffic turning into Titchmarsh via the A605 to gain access to the		

site via Islington.

- Find the concept of development on the periphery of the village intriguing, rather than extending from Thrapston
- Details of HGV movements were requested (The chair referred the public to the planning documentation for this information)
- What is the future for the cattle market and possible expansion, are there other cattle markets in the area, that may close and then move trade to this site
- Have the PC contacted NCC highways at any point prior to the submission of the application, to express initial views regarding the highways implications

Cllr Bob Seery addressed the public and also the Parish Council by advising that it has been ENC's long term plan to move the cattle market site. This has been part of the strategic development plan and has been dealt with as a single matter within this plan. Cllr Seery also went on to explain to the public the definition of green belt and brown belt sites. He also suggested that a request could be made to include a section 106 agreement in the permission regarding the traffic management system.

The chair thanked all members of the public for taking part in this useful and lively debate and encouraged the public to remain, if they wish to listen to this agenda point, when it is discussed at the proceeding full Parish Council meeting

(PM) 2011/09/04

There being no further questions or comments, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.40 pm. The full Parish Council meeting immediately followed.