

BARTON BENDISH PARISH COUNCIL

**Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2019
commencing at 7.30pm in Barton Bendish Village Hall**

Present: Cllr W Chapman Chairman
Cllr J Richardson
Cllr R Simon
Cllr P Stow

Miss S J Thorpe Parish Clerk

Cllr B Long (County Councillor)
11 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr AV McAlister (Vice-Chairman), Cllr P Swallow and Cllr A Wells.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Public questions and comments on agenda items

Members of the public expressed concerns about the application to be discussed under item 4a(i). Concerns included:

- Agricultural area not suitable for the proposed use.
- The proposal was for an operational license from 7am to 1am, 7 days a week. This would cause disruption to residents at unsocial hours.
- Narrow road which was single track and not suitable for the amount of traffic which would be using the venue. Passing was impossible without pulling into the top of residents' driveways.
- Noise disturbance to residents from traffic and music.
- There would be lots of cars arriving at the same time and maybe even coaches.
- Presently there was only 12 properties on Chapel Lane so it was a very rural location.
- The parking provision was inadequate for the number of vehicles using the venue.
- Concerns about the impact on the local wildlife in the area.
- Farm traffic would not be able to pass to the south of the barn.
- Boughton Long Road already had lots of HGVs using this road; members of the public using the venue would not be expecting this, and it could cause an issue with Highways safety.
- The mains sewerage system in Barton Bendish was already at maximum capacity and there had been problems for numerous years with sewerage odours. These problems had only recently improved, but the extra demand with this venue would mean that the system would not be able to cope.

4. Planning

a. Applications received since last meeting

- i **19/01789/F Alterations, conversion and extensions to existing barns to create new wedding events venue with associated parking at Abbey Farm, Chapel Lane.** The application was discussed. Following a vote it was agreed, by a majority of three in favour, to OBJECT to the application for the reasons provided above by residents.

The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman's signature.....Date.....