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The Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th January 2015 in the Main Hall, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs M Blogg (Chair), D Lacey, Mrs C Hannath and C Rayson.

In attendance: County Cllr R Henley, five members of the public and the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe.

1. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr J Nutt.

2. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. None.

3. Planning:

46/14/0039 Erection of single storey extension including silo and chimney on north west elevation at Rigid Containers, Chelston Business Park.

Applicant: Mr P Jefferies

The following concerns were raised by members of the public:

- a permanently noxious smell could be produced as part of the process and the prevailing wind would blow the smell in the direction of Castle Cottages and Cob Castle.
- Rigid Containers now have an external generator working 24 hours a day and it sounds like a car left running all the time.
- the noise assessment was taken when the trees were in full leaf and noise was blocked. It should be run again now. The prevailing wind takes noise in the direction of the houses.
- The development is unsuitable as it is in such close proximity to residential housing and would affect their amenities.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council recommend that planning permission is refused for the following reasons:

- the building cannot be extended without detriment to the amenities of the area and particularly to the residential development on the eastern side, which is in close proximity to Rigid Containers (DM 1 of the Core Strategy).
- the inaccuracies of the noise assessment which was taken when trees were in full leaf and noise would have been blocked. The prevailing wind takes noise in the direction of Castle Cottages and Cob Castle Cottages so the noise assessment needs to be run again while the trees are not in leaf.

- smell and emissions. There is concern about the potential of a noxious smell from the process which would affect the amenities of the residential development on the eastern side and other businesses on the Business Park.

Should the application be approved then the Parish Council ask that strict noise conditions are attached to the permission. Rigid Containers has been running an external generator, sometimes for 24 hours per day, to the great detriment of local residents due to the noise and vibration. This generator appears to have been sited where development is proposed. The Parish Council would also ask for a restriction to working hours to protect the residential amenities of the area.

4. Accidents on the A38 since the last meeting. On the 30th December there was an accident on the A38, near to the Blackbird Inn, when a pedestrian was hit by a car and, as a result, later died. The family has asked the Parish Council to consider asking SCC for a zebra crossing and this will be an item on the agenda for the next meeting. There were two accidents on the A38 before this one and at least one more after. The right hand turn lane for Blackdown Garden Centre has still not been constructed and is a cause for concern. It was felt that there are also too many signs around the access to the Garden Centre. When accidents occur on this stretch of the A38 traffic is pushed through West Buckland causing congestion. Motorists often do not know which direction to go when diverted. It was agreed to invite someone from SCC Highways to the next meeting to discuss the issues. PC Hooper will also be asked if he could attend.

5. Any other urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. No urgent business.

6. Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 7.30pm