

**Minutes of the Amotherby Parish Council Meeting held remotely  
on Thursday 27th August 2020 at 7.00 pm**

**Members Present:** Cllr. Nigella Ballard  
Cllr. Paul Simpson  
Cllr Richard Brown  
Cllr. Rob Welch

**Members of the Public and Others:** 1 member of the public joined the meeting.

**1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.** Cllr. Debbie Skilbeck due to conflict of interest, reason approved.

**2. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.** None received.

**3. To discuss the additional information received on planning application 20/00088/FUL - BATA extension to feed bins and agree the Council's response.**

All points raised in criticism documents previously sent to Councillors are relevant to the issue regarding noise - agreed by all.

We don't know how big the old bins are so it is not clear if this will increase production. The capacity needs to be flagged and they need to demonstrate how this will affect vehicle movements -agreed.

How does this particular mill operate - is it a continuous process for certain feeds?

Notes from resident's email – should this be included in response to council? - only points already in our documents.

Historically shifts were 6am-2pm, 2pm-10pm, last summer was much quieter than now. Intensification to 24hrs/day is possibly a material change of use. Should ask RDC to investigate whether this is so. If they reverted to how they previously operated villagers would be happier.

Critique of documents to be submitted as appendix 1 - agreed by all.

Should our noise report be added as appendix 2 as it gives an indication of how it affects the village? It does show that the noise increases by a significant percentage as you travel down the village towards BATA - agreed by all.

Other points raised to include in letter -

Need a baseline reading when the mill is not operating, without this info other info re. noise is useless. NOVA noise report is flawed as it was prepared for BATA and only addresses points they want addressed. Timing of report also increases suspicion (it was the weekend before lockdown).

Independent verification of noise levels needed. Will RDC do this or will it have to be funded by the parish? RDC must be looking into this due to the number of complaints to date. They are apparently investigating but no details forthcoming.

PC to obtain quotes for independent noise assessment. Phone query gave costs of between £600-800, with a secure location needed for the equipment. Decision to be taken at a later meeting.

Extension granted by RDC for submission of our comments to after the Bank Holiday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chair, Vice-Chair & Clerk to prepare letter over the weekend & send to other Cllrs. for final approval before sending to RDC.

**4. Next meeting confirmed as 14 September 2020**

**Meeting closed at 7.39 pm**