

**Minutes of the Belstone Parish Council Special Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: Susan Norrish, Jon Pike, Peter Cooper, Ann Norman, Paul Boyce, Elisabeth Emerson with Michael Ash in the Chair. Plus, Robin Hill Parish Clerk and 12 members of the public.

**89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

**90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**91. PLANNING:**

**Amended plans in respect of ‘Replacement highway services building, extended car park and HGV parking area and landscaping at White House Service Station, Okehampton’.**

The Council Chairman opened the meeting up to discussion with concerned residents. After considerable debate, the Parish Council unanimously agreed the following response.

**The Belstone Parish Council understand the need to upgrade and modernise the facilities at White House Services. However, they do not support the latest proposals, as the removal of the hotel from the plans has not scaled down the overall plan.**

**The Parish Council consider that the applicant has not addressed their original concerns and indeed there appears to be a likely increase in the number of HGVs using the facility.**

**The Parish Council’s particular concerns are:**

- **Increase in HGVs with associated noise and pollution from emissions**
- **Danger to pedestrians particularly in the area of the crossing from parking to restaurant**
- **Light pollution, including light from vehicles moving round the site at night – we do not consider the screening to be adequate considering the proximity of the development to the Dartmoor National Park**
- **Movement of vehicles, both within the complex and entering and leaving the public highway**
- **Problems associated with the increase in vehicle movements, particularly large trucks, caravans, and holidaymakers, at a known danger area**
- **The latest plans are still disproportionately large and out of keeping with the surrounding countryside and would have a considerable impact on those Belstone residents living close to the site**

**Finally, the Parish Council believes that the development may constitute a departure from the Dartmoor National Park structure plan.**

**92. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed ..... Dated .....

Chairman