

Parish Council Meeting Gilling Village Hall 21st February 2024.

Present: Peter Allen, Brenda Mosey, Chris Pickles, Gill Smith, Jonathan Pesterfield

Apologies: Paul Brennan.

Declaration of interest: Brenda Mosey regarding Ian Mosey Ltd.

1) Proposed changes to Gilling Castle

It was agreed that the plans were thorough and impressive in their attention to detail. It was unanimously agreed that as the Castle needed to move on this was the best that we could have hoped for. However, there were various matters which we thought needed closer attention.

- 1) Traffic on Pottergate during the construction phase. Pottergate is completely unsuited for the volume of traffic envisaged over nearly three years. A solution could be that one or both of the gateposts to Gilling Drive off the Main Street could be dismantled and then rebuilt when work had been completed. If there was a problem with a dip at the entrance we felt that it would not be difficult to build a temporary ramp. Would traffic be running on Sundays and bank holidays?
- 2) Looking to the future there did not appear to be adequate charging points for such a big development. If supply was a problem the grid would need to be updated which could be of value to the whole village.
- 3) On the matter of heating there appears to be no consideration of ground sourced heating which may be a better option for such a large development. The use of Biomass was queried. This now seems to be coming under increasing scrutiny because of its poor performance in limiting carbon emissions and because of the effect on the communities where it is sourced. In the long term it may not be the best option.
- 4) Although drainage may have been adequate for the prep school we wondered if this would still be the case in a community using and disposing of water and waste 365 days in the year.
- 5) We believe that public access to certain parts of the building, ie The Great Chamber has existed for a long time by prior arrangement. This is an historically significant room and it would not be in the public interest to lose this access. Will it still exist? Similarly would the walking route around the golf course be retained? Whilst not all public footpath it has been used by the residents of Gilling for a very long time.

6) What would be the nature of the lighting during the construction phase. The lighting for the completed project has been noted and welcomed but security lighting for a building site could impact on the village for several years.

7) We were told that local people would be employed in the construction phase and would like to recommend that there is positive discrimination for local people when recruiting more permanent staff.

2) Ian Mosey CLOPUD to extend time of goods vehicle movements from Blackdale Mill.

The council have objected to this in the past. The same limitations apply now as applied in 2011 when planning was first granted. The effect on the local population of increased heavy traffic movement on narrow roads would be unacceptable. Increased noise and pollution would be inevitable. The Council felt that a further expansion of the business could only be accommodated by moving to Malton or Easingwold Trading Estates where 24 hour access to the A64 and A19 respectively would be easy. As few of the employees are from the immediate area it could also mean that for some it could be a shorter distance to travel.

3) Ian Mosey planning application to move a hedge

The council objected as it would encroach on an SSSI and would in effect mean the widening of the road to accommodate extra traffic from item (2)