

SOUTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 27th JUNE 2006 @ 7.00PM AT SOUTHILL LOWER SCHOOL

Present: Cllrs. Egar (Chairman), Capon, Emanuel, Fielder, Hall, Hubbard, Rook and Stuckey, County Councillor Scott, District Councillor Baines, the Parish Clerk and nine members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Green, Jones and Ralph

2. Election of Vice Chairman

The Chairman explained, that unfortunately Cllr. Emanuel was unable to continue as vice Chairman and duly proposed Cllr. Fielder to take over that position. This was seconded by Cllr. Emanuel and unanimously agreed. The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Cllr. Fielder for all his time and hard work in organising the recent survey on the potential southern expansion of the Broom Quarry.

3. Potential Southern Expansion of the Broom Quarry

Cllr. Egar declared an interest in this item and left the room. The newly elected Vice Chairman assumed the Chair. The Vice Chairman reminded Councillors of the details of the questionnaire which had been delivered to all properties in the parish. The results of that survey, which had been previously circulated to all Councillors, showed that overall 66% had voted to oppose further expansion. During discussion comment was made as to whether a return of 23% was sufficient to properly gauge opinion and therefore not representative of the total electorate. Following further discussion Cllr. Emanuel proposed that the Council totally and completely oppose the extension. This was seconded by Cllr. Fielder. The proposal was passed with three votes in favour, one against and three abstentions.

It was agreed that when the anticipated planning application was made public, a copy should be made available in each village for members of the public to view. Depending on the timing of the application it might be necessary to set up working groups to formulate the response to the County Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 10th July 2006 commencing at 7.00pm at Southill Lower School.