

**PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2017
IN THE APPLESHAW VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm
TO DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATION 17/01862/FULLN**

Erection of two linked agricultural buildings for free range egg production, together with four feed bins, hardstanding and new highway access – Land South of Hill Copse, privet Lane, Redenham, Appleshaw.

Organised by Appleshaw Parish Council

PRESENT

Parish Council

Cllr Mrs A Cowlin – Chairman
Cllr Mrs R Bass
Cllr Mrs J Hopkins
Cllr Mr D Green
Richard Waterman – Parish Clerk

Borough Councillors

Borough Councillor Mrs P Mutton
Borough Councillor Mr P Lashbrook

Redenham Park

Lady Clark
George Clark
2 Advisors

Police

PCSO's Kathy Bonter and Donna Whelan

Members of the Public. 58

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that Mr George Clark the applicant will be given 10 minutes to address the meeting. Mr Miles Woodhouse from the objectors Group will then address the meeting for 10 minutes and this will be followed by questions from the floor session, through the Chair for a further 10 minutes.

GEORGE CLARK – REDENHAM AGRICULTURE

Mr Clarke stated that Redenham Park needs to be more sustainable for the future and free range egg production has been identified as a possible solution. A letter explaining the planned operation had been delivered to every household in Redenham and Appleshaw.

Mr Clark explained the way the site will work and tried to alleviate residents' concerns on smell. He further stated that it was not his intention to be underhanded and realised that he should have come to the Parish Council first before submitting the planning application.

MR MILES WOODHOUSE

Mr Miles Woodhouse reported that residents are concerned about this planning application and over 50 objections have already been lodged. Mr Woodhouse spoke at length about concerns that have been raised; these were addressed under the following headings:

1. Smell
2. Possible increase in size in the future
3. The Site
4. Traffic movements

Mr Woodhouse quoted guide lines from the Environment Agency and several anomalies highlighted by an independent Ecological Report recently commissioned by residents objecting to the planning application.

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

The Chairman tabled questions from the floor. Nine members of the public raised points and concerns. Mr Clarke tried to answer the questions asked.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council will discuss their response to this planning application at their meeting immediately following this Public Meeting.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands from the public on the following:

IN FAVOUR OF THE FREE RANGE EGG PRODUCTION APPLICATION – 12

AGAINST THE FREE RANGE EGG PRODUCTION APPLICATION – 44

OBSTAINED FROM VOTE – 2

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

The majority of those present left the meeting prior to the start of the Parish Council meeting.