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Planning Application - 20/02126/CLUE

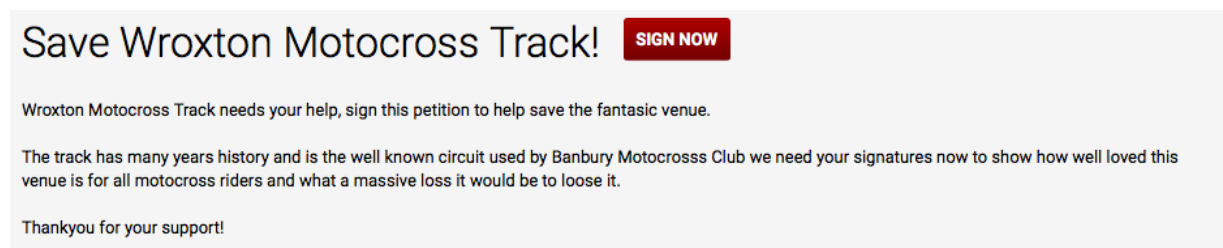
Dear Mr Smith,

I would like to respond to Brian Pounder's correspondence of 17 September 2020 as posted on the "Officer/Committee Consideration" section of the supporting documents on the above LCD application as I feel he is once again misleading the Cherwell District Council with his reporting of a petition, noise, track usage and track operating hours.

I appreciate that Hornton Parish Council have already responded, and I agree whole-heartedly with all they say, and would like my views and additional information to be considered.

PETITION

Mr Pounder simply refers to an ongoing petition (started by Jessica Pounder) of supporters of the track. What he does **not** say is that the petition was inaccurately presented thus:



Save Wroxton Motocross Track! [SIGN NOW](#)

Wroxton Motocross Track needs your help, sign this petition to help save the fantastic venue.

The track has many years history and is the well known circuit used by Banbury Motocross Club we need your signatures now to show how well loved this venue is for all motocross riders and what a massive loss it would be to lose it.

Thankyou for your support!

The LDC is not seeking to close the track and not one of the public comments calls for its closure. This petition is a deliberate attempt to mislead the motocross community into believing that a bunch of "nimbyish" locals want to shut the track down and have started a petition.

NOT TRUE. Locals have not started a petition and are not being hostile toward the MX community. It's a pity the site owner and Mr Pounder do not appreciate this and seek a compromise regarding the track use rather than continue to abuse locals, Cherwell DC and the environment.

What's more the petition hides behind a closed group Facebook account so that comments cannot generally be seen, although Mr Pounder thoughtfully provides a few from the Xpetition website which are already in the public domain.

Here are some more taken from the Banbury MX Website: most seek to fuel the flames but there is at least one person who seems to take a little more balanced view: *(I have redacted names)*



Jessica Pounder Author

[REDACTED] at the moment their are locals who are shall we say anti-motocross have made a petition against us so to show that we are a well loved and used venue we have created one to submit back in our favour.

Name Redacted - I work for one of the said locals who's in the local parish and she said to me they have no problem with motox at wroxton as long as its within the allocated amount of uses per season, apparently last year it was used nearly twice as much as it should of been and the locals where fed up of them taking the piss out of the allocated meetings per year. Just to clarify I race mx and would hate to lose wroxton and am only repeating what I was told, but in fairness if its true then what do you expect!

Name Redacted - at the moment their are locals who are shall we say anti-motocross have made a petition against us so to show that we are a well loved and used venue we have created one to submit back in our favour. fun sponges everywhere.. got exactly the same problem at our private little track.. basically shut us down with threats

Name Redacted - all done cant belive residents are moaning its in the middle of nowhere. times have changed people moan about everything now

Name Redacted - This happened with culham Mx track and that was lost to just seems to be a waste of time as these developers if they want it they will chuck money at it till it's done they don't care the only way that track will stay there is if someone bought the track it self and then the new Nabour will have to put up with it going on you can't move in to a house and expect the Nabour to be quiet and if there loud you deal with it or move on

I note that not one of the petition signatories, or anyone else in fact, has been bold enough to make representation on the official LDC application/planning portal in support of the LDC proposal.

I would also like to draw to the Council's attention, the minutes of the Hornton Parish Council meeting minutes dated 9th September 2019 (copy below), where Cllr Offord (Chair) clearly states: "The focus for the council was not to get rid of the events, but to ensure the events were kept under the agreed planning regulations such as the number of the events and attendees."

NOISE

As Hornton Parish Council responded, I too would like to see evidence of the sound recordings showing the data, precise locations etc. etc. and not some throw away, inflammatory comments such as Mr Pounder made in July 2019 in the Banbury Guardian.

I wrote to CDC Environmental Officer, Jim Guest, at the time (Reference Case Numbers: 101001073263 and 9/00316/ENFC) about the comments and as late as September 2019 he assured me that further CDC noise monitoring would be taking place (I have copies of his emails if you need them). Are there recordings and data available?

TRACK USAGE

Mr Pounder refers to track usage and his understanding when he started using it in 2007 and subsequent years. I'm not sure where he gets his evidence about usage as he is not the main user of the site as is evidenced by the original 2020 fixture list which shows that Banbury MX club are listed as the host at only 4 of the 13 events

scheduled. So despite comments elsewhere in the LDC application, 70% of the events are for meetings lead by other clubs.

EVENT OPERATING TIMES

Mr Pounder is simply incorrect in his reporting of engine starting and race stopping times. Perhaps he is not always on site at race weekends and that the rules are only breached when he isn't there!

Pete Lemon

HORNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PAVILION ON MONDAY 9th September 2019 AT 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Hewlett, Burden, Offord, Overton, Tilling and Wain

Also in attendance: Clerk & RFO Cindy Koberl, Mr. Pete Lemon, Mrs. Anne Joyner, Mr. Pete Joyner, Mr. Herbie Rossiter, Mrs. Cath Bellamy, Mrs. Laurie Furneaux, Mrs. Lorna Abbott, Mr. John Abbott, Mrs. Sandra Kerwood and Mr. Peter Hart

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were given by Cllr. Woodcock and Cllr. Mckenzie and these were accepted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

3.1. Motocross

Villager's campaign – Mr. Rossiter wished to clarify whether the recent villager's campaign to reduce noise from Motocross represents the view of the Parish Council. Cllr. Offord responded that the villagers were acting independently and they were not part of the parish council. The Parish Council initialised the discussion by raising parish's concern of the growing Motocross events with the local authority, Cherwell District Council Planning. The focus for the council was not to get rid of the events, but to ensure the events were kept under the agreed planning regulations such as the number of the events and attendees. The chair of the parish council met the owner of the land and the owner expressed the willingness of liaising with the village to avoid having Motocross meetings on the day when the village is having events such as open gardens. The PC was in consultation but the issue would have to be resolved by CDC depending on their interpretation of the rules.

Buildings/Constructions – Mrs. Joyner asked if there were planning to construct racing stands on site and how would the villagers find out about it. Cllr. Hewlett advised there was no planning for such constructions submitted and the parish council would get a copy should there be any application. The planning applications were also available for public access from CDC website.

Noise levels – Mrs. Furneaux asked who should raise the noise issue with Cherwell. Mr. Abbott said the main issue of the villager's campaign against Motocross was the noise levels. Mrs. Joyner said the noise levels were high and constant in the past few years. Cllr. Offord responded that the parish council had previously contacted CDC environment who came and took readings and none of those readings exceeded the noise levels for action to be taken although the readings were taken only from the green. Mrs. Bellamy requested parish council to take this up to CDC so they could re-take readings from various areas in the village. Mr. Rossiter advised the villagers could raise the concern of noise directly with governing body of the race, they could deal with the issue more effectively than Cherwell.

Action: JO