**GREAT ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th January 2023 at 7.30pm**

**In the Lord Thurlow Village Hall, Great Ashfield**

**Mr A. Peake (Chairman)\* Mr I. Sadler\***

**Mrs D. Stick\* Mr M. Taylor\***

**Mr. B. Fitch\***

**Mr. R. Dewhirst \***

**Present: All marked\***

Mr A Mellen, SCC

Mr S. Miles

5 Members of the Public

Mrs C White took the minutes.

Cllr Peake welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Record Councillors’ apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

**2. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Forum**

Mr Miles attended the meeting to outline details of the planning application under discussion below, and to answer several queries that had been raised by a member of the public, relating to lighting, potential traffic associated with the change of use, the site operating hours, and occupancy.

In response to the queries raised it was advised that the actual use is currently unknown as the buildings were to be let out. However, it was anticipated that the space would appeal to small, light industrial businesses, and heavy traffic use was not expected to be an issue. All outside lighting will be via sensors and downlighters as per the application. Operating hours would depend on the nature of the businesses occupying the space.

Although not associated with the application, Mr Miles advised that the planned hedge and tree planting scheme in the vicinity of the application site was going ahead later in the year and would offer some screening of the development site.

**4. Consideration of Planning Application – DC/22/06410**

1. DC/22/06410 – Change of Use of 2No former aircraft hangars and existing airfield building to commercial storage (Use Class B8) and siting of 6No storage containers with associated vehicular access and parking.

Location: Great Ashfield Airfield, Haugh Lane, Great Ashfield (part in the Parish of Elmswell), IP31 3HP. Comments by 26th January 2023.

After detailed discussions, Councillors unanimously agreed that there were no objections to the application and that the proposed use is likely to be beneficial in terms of supporting small businesses and local employment opportunities.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 7.45pm.