

Wield Parish Council
Extraordinary Meeting – Tuesday 1 November 2016
8.15pm in the Village Hall

Those present: Alwin Hutchinson (Chair), Kate Gibbons, Robert Grande, Bob George and Jean Frost (Clerk). Having declared an interest, Councillors Rob Cooper and Catherine Simmons attended as members of the public and took no part in any PC discussions

Plus 65 members of the public

There was only one item on the agenda - Planning Application *Number 30936/007 “Building to provide storage and processing space ancillary to existing winery - Wield Yard, Yew Tree Lane, Wield, Alresford, SO24 9AJ”*

The PC Chairman opened the well-attended meeting (approx 65 people) with the meeting's aim and house rules. Mr Robinson (owner Hattingly Valley Wine) then gave a short background presentation.

A lively discussion followed (with Mr Robinson answering questions) opened by three Lower Wield residents (those most immediately affected by the proposed new building) who made it clear that despite how much the village valued the current Winery enterprise and acknowledged the value it added, there was a major and principal objection to the expansion plan - the huge and dominating size and scale of the proposed building. This objection was echoed by a significant number of other residents.

Additional objections (including impact of traffic on already poor local road network; noise and light pollution) and concerns (including environmental issues; hours of work; possible CCTV intrusion; change of use query; legacy issues; a possible Clause 106 contribution) were also raised by parishioners.

The meeting concluded with the PC considering and then capturing key elements from the discussion which would inform its response to EHDC Planning Dept.

There was no AOB.