

Appendix 2

This appendix needs to be taken seriously as nothing has been done to date of this letter
Minutes of Meeting: Regarding Pig Farm on Plot 257 Foothill Road, Walkers Fruit Farms.

Venue: Plot 258, Foothill Road, Walkers Fruit Farms

Time: 8.00am

Date: 30 March 2012

Present: Charles Rix, Rob Jones, Tanya Lewthwaite, Billy Lewthwaite, Ben Viljoen, Louise Bosman, Ivan Parkes, Joseph Arnolds, Winstonia Arnolds.

1. Meeting commenced at 8.30. The owners had not as yet arrived.
2. Rob Jones explained as to the reason of the meeting – complaints as regards to the number of pigs and the way in which they were kept on the neighbouring property was of concern to the neighbouring plots as there was an increased number of flies and rats and the stench was unbearable.
3. Rob Jones noted that an EIA would have to be done. Ben Viljoen verified this.
4. There has been a ban on movement of pigs in Gauteng due to outbreaks of swine flu.
5. Ben Viljoen explained that the Council would:
 - (a) Ensure all laws regarding hygiene, wastewater, number of pigs and housing would be abided by.
 - (b) The council was in the process of setting up bylaws for the keeping of pigs
 - (c) The owner of the property had on a number of occasions been issued notices regarding the keeping of pigs.
 - (d) That inspections had been carried out on the property and notices of health and odour compliance had been given.
6. Tanya Lewthwaite asked why was Joseph Arnolds allowed to keep so many pigs in the first place when it was on the title deeds that there was a limit to the number of pigs to be kept on a 25-acre plot.
7. Ben Viljoen then added that Joseph Arnolds has built **a pit to collect wastewater from pig stalls**, to which Ivan Parkes replied was illegal.
8. Charles Rix commented that the law here wasn't being abided by, so why was the Council allowing the pig farm to continue, as keeping the number of pigs (estimated around 300) to be illegal according the title deeds on the plots.
9. Ben Viljoen said the odours are weather orientated.
10. Charles Rix asks as to why the owner is so special that he is allowed to continue farming even though he isn't abiding by the law.
11. Ben Viljoen said that people only complain periodically so doesn't feel it's an ongoing problem. Legislation wasn't in place 4 years ago when original complaint was laid, but now there is new legislation, the owner will be given more time to comply.
12. Tanya Lewthwaite asked why after 3 years of them complaining he is suddenly allowed the new legislation when he should have been closed down years ago, Charles Rix agreed with her. She also added that they have fly and rat infestation and the stench was so unbearable they could no longer entertain.
13. 8:50 am –Joseph Arnolds and his wife Winstonia arrived, he was rather concerned as he felt he also needed a representative. We all introduced ourselves and the meeting commenced.
14. Joseph Arnolds says he co-operates with the Health Inspector and does everything he is advised to do by the Health Inspector.
15. Ben Viljoen stated that
 - (a) He has issued Joseph Arnolds with notices.
 - (b) He has assisted in the pig facility.

(c) Joseph Arnold has controlled and upgraded the facility, so it is not a mess

(d) A farm with more than 250 pigs needs an EIA to be carried out.

16. Charles Rix again stated that no pigs are allowed so why is Joseph Arnolds being allowed to continue.
17. Ivan Parkes stated that according to NEMA the Council is incorrect as one is only allowed so many pigs on 25 acres.
18. Joseph Arnolds stated that he does not know how many pigs he has on 25 acres. His title deeds do not say anything about the number of pigs he can keep. He would like to know why Tanya Lewthwaite is saying he is not allowed to keep ANY pigs.
19. Ben Viljoen stated that the council did not give Joseph Arnolds permission to keep pigs. When they inspected the premises they found approximately 250 pigs so the council is not in the wrong.
20. Ben Viljoen stated that the buildings must have approved building plans, once this has all been passed; they then pass it on to the Health Inspector.
21. Charles Rix stated that this is all irrelevant – the bottom line is according to current law husbandry of pigs is not permitted so why is the Council so concerned with approval of plans. The Council is failing in their duties, as they should have informed Joseph Arnolds of this in the beginning.
22. Winstonia Arnolds felt that the ball was bouncing back and forth and we were not solving the problem. Which everyone was in agreement with.
23. Joseph Arnolds would like to resolve the problem with Billy and Tanya Lewthwaite. He has farmed pigs for 10 years and enjoys working with livestock. He will get rid of the pigs to please Billy and Tanya Lewthwaite.
24. Billy Lewthwaite then added that Joseph Arnolds was welcome to graze his cattle on their plot, there had been miscommunication between the two of them.
25. Billy Lewthwaite asked to call off the meeting and he, Tanya and the Arnolds will sort the problem out between them.
26. Ivan Parkes noted that the rest of us are irrelevant at the meeting and he will give Joseph Arnolds all the necessary information as the keeping of livestock.
27. Charles Rix wanted to know where the Council had been on advising potential conflict, what will the Council do to remedy this.
28. Both Ivan Parkes and Charles Rix commented that naming of complainants is unacceptable.
29. The Meeting was adjourned at 9.25, when everyone left to inspect the pigs on Plot 257.