

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Additional Parish Council Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on 18th April 2017 at 7.30pm in Fornham All Saints Village Hall.

Members Present:

Mr Howard Quayle – Chairman
Mr Gary Clark Ward
Mr Paul Purnell
Mr Bernard Grimshaw

Mrs Enid Gathercole
Ms Liz Hodder
Mrs W Braithwaite
Mrs L Dawson

With Mrs Victoria Waples (Clerk)

1167. OPENING STATEMENT – a statement was read out indicating, that in accordance with changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting.
A full transcript of the statement is available from the Clerk upon request.
1168. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – there were none applicable.
1169. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST
- There were none declared.
 - There were no disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.
 - There were no requests for dispensations with regards to the Agenda under discussion.
1170. MINUTES – approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 21st March 2017, it was agreed that these would be considered at the full Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 16th May 2017.
1171. PUBLIC FORUM – to receive comments from the public present on the matters arising under agenda Item 6 – there were none present.
1172. VILLAGE MATTERS - to receive urgent Village Matters coming forth:
- Fornham All Saints Fabric Fund – the meeting noted a donation from the Church's Fabric Fund as a contribution towards the work carried out on the Churchyard Wall. The meeting was in agreement that as the account had now been settled, this sum should be added to the reserve fund for future works to the Churchyard Wall.
 - A resident along The Green had reported to a Councillor that there was a significant increase in the number of HGVs passing through the village in the early hours of the morning. It was reported that the vehicles were heavy and were created an impact on the residential amenities of residents. It was agreed that more information was required prior to complaints being lodged and that in the meantime the Clerk and Cllr. Gathercole would inform the Bury Saferneighbourhood Team of the situation.
 - Bury Trout Club – Cllr. Gathercole informed the meeting that the new microscope had now been purchased and that Mr Hawklins was very keen to attend a village meeting to talk on the work being carried out on the River Lark and provide a demonstration of the microscope and its abilities.
1173. PLANNING MATTERS
- The following planning applications were considered by the Council:*
 - DC/17/0521/FUL – Planning Application for the creation of a municipal operational hub comprising waste transfer station; household waste recycling centre (including reuse building); fleet depot and associated infrastructure including accessories, internal roads, parking, weighbridges; landscaping scheme and shared use path to connect existing footway on Barton Hill to proposed access @ land North of Hollow Road Farm, Hollow Road, Fornham St Martin Council agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:

- Traffic impact – main junction is at capacity – noted that NPPF 32 states that an application must be refused if the traffic impact will be severe; Issue with HGVs crossing line of traffic; Tollgate Roundabout at capacity; Tesco Roundabout at capacity
- Issue over traffic assessment that has been carried out
- Site plan is an improvement on the original proposal in terms of bunding; views; landscaping and internal usage
- However there was still an issue regarding how the site has been chosen and that the application does not accord with Policy BV14.
- Council felt that due process had not been followed in the manner in which the site has been promoted. Site proposal went to Cabinet – approved; went to full Council – approved to go forward to full planning application. Noted that it contravenes the Borough’s own rules and Vision 2031 and that it will be determined by the Secretary of State.
- DC/17/0029/OUT Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) – 4 No. dwellings @ Little Moseleys, The Green, Fornham All Saints – Re-consultation
Whilst noting that the provision of a route from within the development through to The Green might alleviate pedestrian and cyclist safety issues, the Council still agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it was outside of the BUAB; highway safety issues vis-à-vis location of entrance; impact on residential neighbouring properties and impact on current parking provisions and commercial use of area.
- DC/17/0595/RM – Reserved Matters Application - submission of details under outline planning permission DC/13/0932/HYB- the means of access, scale, layout, appearance, landscaping, and parking for Development Zones I, K and L for 180 dwellings including details reserved by conditions c19, c20, c21, c22, c30, c31, c35, c36 and c37 132 residential units and associated accesses, landscaping, open space and infrastructure works of application DC/13/0932/HYB @ Plots I, K and L @ Marham Park, Marham Parkway, Fornham All Saints – applicant Barratt David Wilson Homes (Eastern Counties)
Council was in agreement that it would object to the application on the following grounds:
 - Density – not in-keeping with an urban development on the edge of a rural setting
 - Size of access roads
 - Parking provisions – insufficient even though it is in accordance with Suffolk Parking Stds
 - Overall size of houses – noted comments made at a recent Development Control Meeting that the proposed houses were below the recommended national minimum size

It was also noted that all of the parish boundary changes agreed under the CGR were being implemented as of 1 April 2017 and that technically the applications for land to at Marham Park now came under the Town Council for consideration as a statutory consultee. It was however noted that the Borough’s Legal Officer had agreed that the Parish Council of FAS would be allowed to have a representation at the Development Committee as an impacted Council.

Council noted that the Chairman had spoken at the Development Committee meeting of 6th April 2017 as an objector (on the part of the Parish Council) against Planning Application DC/16/2837/RM. It was further reported that the application had been recommended for "Approval" by St Edmundsbury planning department. However, the committee members had had a very robust debate regarding the application, and in particular over the key issues of over-development, under-minimum-standard floor space, and inadequate road space. As a result of this, the committee had decided to defer any decision, and to refer this matter back to officers and applicant for changes to be made that will satisfy the committee. It was further acknowledged that this was the first of a number of applications to be submitted in and around Bury St Edmunds and there was a need to ensure lessons of the past were learnt.

- 1174. TO FORMULATE A RESPONSE TO THE BURY ST EDMUNDS TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN – it was agreed that each Councillor would be encouraged to respond to the consultation as an individual and that the Parish Council would refrain from submitting a collective response.
- 1175. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Additional Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May commencing at 7.00pm; followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May 2017.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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16th May 2017