

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Additional Parish Council Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on 2nd April 2015 at 7.30pm in Fornham All Saints Village Hall.

Members Present:

Mr Howard Quayle – Chairman

Mrs Enid Gathercole

Mrs Elizabeth Gingell

Mr Gary Clark Ward

Mr Michael Guest

Mr Paul Purnell

Mr Bernard Grimshaw

With Mrs Victoria Waples (Clerk) in attendance and County and Borough Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger; Mr Mark Walsh Head of Operations at St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Mr Steve Palfry Head of Waste at Suffolk County Council and 22 members of the public.

930 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.

931 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
There were no apologies for absence applicable

932 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST
i. There were no declarations of pecuniary and local non pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion.
ii. There were no requests for dispensations with regards to the Agenda under discussion.

933 MINUTES – approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 17th March 2015 would be suspended until the Annual Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 19th May.

934 TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSAL TO MOVE ST EDMUNDSBURY TRANSPORT DEPOT, SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL'S HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRE, A TRANSFER STATION AS WELL AS SOME POLICE / AMBULANCE FLEET SERVICES TO A SITE IN HOLLOW ROAD NEXT TO THE SUGAR BEET FACTORY (HOLLOW ROAD FARM) – WEST SUFFOLK OPERATIONAL HUB.
The head of St Edmundsbury Operations Manager and the Head of Suffolk County Council's Waste Department were thanked for their attendance and provided a brief overview of the proposal and reasoning for the chosen site for the consultation on a single site to develop a new vehicle depot, waste transfer station and public household waste recycling at Hollow Road Farm, Fornham St Martin. It was noted that this was part of a network of new sites from 2015 which would work in conjunction with the new Energy From Waste site over the next 20 years. The one property aspiration followed Central Government's thinking for all such services to be brought together. The footprint at Hollow Farm Road would give potential to grow and would provide better and more modern workshop facilities. This would release sites elsewhere for other purposes.

Key issues that have been raised at previous consultations covered:

- Choice of site
- Traffic issues – noted still needed a survey and assessment of the impact of traffic movements
- Noise – different areas would be receptors for noise assessment
- Smell – odour control and misting sprays were part of the design
- Litter
- 24 hour working
- Lighting – a statement and full details needed on lighting, pollution and light leakage
- £25k holding deposit had been paid to landowner with a further £25 due once application had been approved.

- 935 PUBLIC FORUM – there was a question and answer session during the above presentation during which the following were raised by members of the public
- Traffic survey still needed to be done in terms of breakdown of vehicle numbers and types
 - Weight restriction on Barton Hill – concern over the old Railway Bridge
 - Environmental weight restriction on Fornham Lock Bridge
 - Speed limits – would there be more enforcement along both A143, Barton Hill and Fornham Road
 - Access off A143 – traffic flowing north to south very fast at the roundabout at the top of Barton Hill
 - Significant increase in traffic numbers in these areas due to private hire vehicles; MOT centre; household waste; employee vehicles; vehicles being transferred from Western Way and Mildenhall.
 - Why industrial access and householder access being mixed?
 - Environmental pollution – all vehicles would be netted off and the police would monitor fly tipping – expectation that someone would need to regularly clear area of general litter
 - Vermin – mentioned that there would be no access to waste within building. Contractors would be employed to keep on top of these issues
 - 24/7 operation – site might need to operate 24/7 but consultation documents state 6am - 10pm. Concern that the first application would be submitted for 6am - 10pm working hours and then an amendment submitted to extend those hours to 24/7.
 - Flooding – a report on the sustainable drainage system to be used would need to be provided prior to planning application stage.
 - Ventilation
 - Household prices would suffer
 - Issues re traffic on Fornham Bridge and vehicles coming from Brandon/Stanton; Mildenhall and Forest Heath avoiding main roads and using short-cuts through villages
 - Consultation extended until 20th April 2015
- 936 COUNCILLORS COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED WEST SUFFOLK OPERATIONAL HUB:
- Why had no case been built for putting the site at Suffolk Business Park Extension – felt that there were better sites with better access off the A14 and had B1 (light industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) use on an 68 hectare site
 - Concern that a greenfield site had been chosen over a brownfield site
 - Level of traffic on Barton Hill a real issue
 - Impact on both Great Barton and Fornham St Martin – residential amenities enjoyed
 - Project looks poorly conceived mainly due to the incorporation of the vehicle depot
 - Planning permission was still valid at Rougham Hill for transfer station adjacent to existing site.
 - No metrics had been submitted with regards to traffic surveys and flow of traffic along with types of vehicles and waste being carried.
 - Agreed that based on the above the parish council should submit its concerns and question why other sites had been rejected in the first instance
- 937 VILLAGE MATTERS – TO DISCUSS URGENT VILLAGE MATTERS COMING FORTH: there were no matters raised.
- 938 FINANCE
- i. Cheques to be approved for payment – one cheque in the sum of £1,089.00 payable to Urban Forestry for works carried out to the trees and hedges on the allotments and recreational ground was approved for payment.
- 939 PLANNING MATTERS

- i. DC/15/0504/HH – planning application for the erection of new garage and machine store buildings (following removal of existing car port) and associated realignment of driveway @ Old Rectory, The Green
Council objected to this application on the grounds that it would negatively impact upon the listed host dwelling in terms of scale and proportion and that it would have a detrimental and negative impact on the street scene, aif.
- ii. DC/15/0506/LB – application for Listed Building Consent – internal and external alterations including i) removal of staircases and provision of new staircases ii) alterations to windows and doors including the formation of new openings iii) alterations and repairs to expose crown post roof @ Old Rectory, The Green
Council had no objections to the work being proposed provided that the applicant had sought appropriate consents and carried out consultation with the relevant bodies, aif.
- iii. DC/15/0513/TCA – trees in a Conservation Area Notification – fell 2 No Cypress conifers; 2 No Box; 1 No Yew; 1 No Elder; 1 No Sycamore and remove broken and trailing lower branches and reshape crown @ The Old Rectory, The Green
Provided that this would not be detrimental to a village amenity, Council had no objections to the work being proposed, aif.
- iv. DC/15/0632/TPO - TPO115(1986)11-Tree Preservation Order Application - Fell – 1 no Thorn , 1 no Elm, 1 Yew (Yew 5 on plan) - Prune -1 no Ash and 1 Lime Tree to a height of 3-4metres to clear the highway – 1 no Holm Oak remove lower branch 2-3metres above ground level - Chestnuts (1 and 2 on plan) lift above highway up to 4metres - Remove various shrubs and multi stemmed roots @ The Old Rectory, The Green
Provided that this would not be detrimental to a village amenity, Council had no objections to the work being proposed, aif.
- v. DC/15/0606/TCA - trees in a Conservation Area Notification – fell 1 Scots Pine @ Cemetery, Chestnut Close
Council had no objections to the work being proposed, aif.
- vi. DC/15/0607/TCA – trees in a Conservation Area Notification – fell 1 Scots Pine @ 5 Rectory Meadow
Council had no objections to the work being proposed, aif.
- vii. There were no further planning applications coming forth.
St Edmundsbury had notified the Parish Council of the following decisions:
- viii. Permission to carry out tree works @ 18 Rectory Meadows
- ix. Permission to carry out tree works @ Rocrisar, Tut Hill

940 PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: to receive issues of concern:

- i. Potholes on Tut Hill at the bottom end just round the corner.

941 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Council Meeting on 19th May 2015 commencing at 6.30pm in the Village Hall followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.59pm.