

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Additional Parish Council Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on 9th February 2015 at 7.30pm in Fornham All Saints Village Hall.

Members Present:

Mr Howard Quayle – Chairman

Mrs Elizabeth Gingell

Mrs Cheryl Froud

Mr Michael Guest

Mr Paul Purnell

Mr Bernard Grimshaw

With Mrs Victoria Waples (Clerk) in attendance and Representatives from Savills and Countryside Properties.

- 901 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.
- 902 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- i. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs Gathercole due to ill health and Cllr. Clark-Ward due to a personal commitment
 - ii. Council consented to accept these apologies.
- 903 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 although it was noted that as all present had an interest in the matter to be discussed under Agenda Item 6, the Clerk was minded to grant a dispensation to those present to discuss further.
- 904 MINUTES – approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 20th January 2015 would be suspended until the next full Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 17th March.
- 905 OVERVIEW OF BURY NORTH WEST PHASE 1 FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTIES AND SAVILLS -
The representatives from Savills and Countryside Properties were thanked for their attendance and for the public consultation event that had taken place earlier that day.
The application would soon be submitted on the strategic infrastructure which would involve the landscaping for the link road; the landscape scheme for the two green corridors and the scheme for the Public Access Lane. It was noted that the start date for the first phase was dependent upon a number of factors: comments from Highways and the Water Authorities; the Archaeological dig and ground investigation work. At the same time the details for the first parcel of land of the residential development which would comprise 126 houses. Work was anticipated to commence late 2015/early 2016 with 1st occupancy in Summer 2016.
Other schemes will also be coming into the planning/consultation process and may overlap. Council was reminded that there was a legal agreement in force for the new link road to be opened after/on the building of 150 houses but it could be opened before.
- 906 PUBLIC FORUM – there were no members of the public present
- 907 COUNTRYSIDE PROPERTIES – BURY NORTH WEST DEVELOPMENT: TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:
- Mix of houses across rest of development would they be similar to the lay-out in phase 1 – it was confirmed that there needed to be a variety across the site. The vision for the site had been discussed with St Edmundsbury and it was noted that densities might change in direct correspondence to areas of land and its contours.
 - New Primary School – built into the legal agreement was the provision for a primary school but until the consultation on the provision of schooling and the change from

three tier to two tier was finalised there was no way of knowing if the school needed to remain with the scheme.

- Range of houses – there was a broad spectrum of 2,3 4 and 5 bed houses within the scheme. Any affordable Housing provision would be led by Housing Needs in the area. Affordable Housing provision currently stood at 30% over the whole of the site but properties at ‘C’ banding were of a lower density. Countryside would look at the density and market assessment for each parcel of land which would be subject to ongoing monitoring processes.

It was noted that the Parish Council was highly supportive of the total number of houses as being at the lower end 900.

- Topography of ridge line to minimize the impact – how would this be done: the plans have tried to ensure that the other side of the ridge was just below the ridge at the ‘C’ end to the West. There would be coppice and landscaping arrangements and screening of surface. It was confirmed that the road was ½ a metre lower than actual land and there would be gentle bund-mounding on the Tut Hill side of the ridge.
- Impact within the village once the construction is under way: there is a Construction Management Strategy to cope with impact on the village and to minimize any impact.
- Will the road be fully adopted by SCC: section38 of the Highways Act will allow for adoption by SCC
- Ownership of the Open Space: this would be offered firstly to St Edmundsbury
- Traffic Management Scheme held locally to be unworkable: the County could request that alternatives be explored for the management of traffic if they hold that the scheme being proposed, and in particular that for the Tollgate junction will not prove workable.
- Drainage: there was in place a Strategic Drainage Strategy designed to deal with the issues being faced in the collection and disposal of the surface water from site – swales; ditches; attenuation basins and ponds. There will be discussions with Anglian Water and the Environment Agency and permits will be issued once they are satisfied with the strategy and the controls and processes being proposed.
- Kink in agricultural land – could it be straightened as per the Masterplan documents – the simple answer to this was that there was no need.
- Tut Hill – any decision on Tut Hill would be under a legal agreement – there were 2 options – stop through traffic along Tut Hill, which would be subject to a prohibition order through SCC following public consultation; traffic calming measures along Tut Hill with traffic being directed onto the link road. It was noted that £7k had been set aside by Countryside Properties for the prohibition order process.

908 VILLAGE MATTERS – TO DISCUSS URGENT VILLAGE MATTERS COMING FORTH

- i. Floodlights at the Community Centre – it was noted that the planning permission for the retention of the floodlights was in the process of being submitted.
- ii. West Suffolk Operational Hub – it was noted that the Borough was in agreement to hold a briefing with the parish council and as soon as dates were forthcoming

909 FINANCE

- i. Works to the allotment hedges and trees – Council noted that the revised quotation now included the trimming of the trees over the play equipment and the planting of hawthorn hedging as replacement extending existing hedge on Mildenhall Road in the sum of £907.50. Council was in agreement to accept this revised quotation, aif.
- ii. Planning Permission for the retention of the floodlights at the Community Centre - as the Parish Council was the applicant submitting the planning permission it could apply for a 50% discount. Council was in agreement to finance the application in the sum of £97.50, aif.
- iii. S137 Payments – Council had been informed that if money was donated to St John’s Ambulance and items bought locally, such as 3 new thermometers for the first aid bags then the items would remain at a local level. Council was in agreement to add St John’s Ambulance back onto the list of beneficiaries under S137 payments to be made at the next meeting.

- iv. Allotments – it was noted that the allotment holders were very grateful for the delivery of the skip recently. There was also an offer from a local farmer to put a trailer on the allotment site to clear excess material.

910 PLANNING MATTERS

- i. Planning Application: DC/15/0170/TCA – trees in a conservation area notification – Christmas Tree Conifer – fell tree and grind stump @ Rocrisar, Tut Hill.
Council had no objections to the work being proposed, aif.
- ii. Planning Application: DC/15/0177/TCA – trees in a conservation area notification – Conifer tree that has grown out of control in the rear garden (to the right) and is too big for a small garden – fell Eucalyptus Tree on the left hand side of the garden that has grown to over 35 feet tall @ 18 Rectory Meadow.
Council had no objections to the work being proposed, aif.

911 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

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

- i. Traffic issues in particular on the A1101

913 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting on 17th March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.22pm.