

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the additional Parish Council Meeting of Fornham All Saints Parish Council held on 3rd January 2017 at 7.00pm in Fornham All Saints Village Hall.

Members Present:

Mr Howard Quayle – Chairman

Mr Gary Clark Ward

Mr Paul Purnell

Mr Bernard Grimshaw

Ms Liz Hodder

Ms W Braithwaite

With Mrs Victoria Waples (Clerk).

1122. 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.
1123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- i. Cllr. Gathercole had submitted her apologies due to personal commitments.
 - ii. Council consented to accept this apology.
1124. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST
- i. There were no Pecuniary or Local Non Pecuniary Interests declared for the agenda under discussion.
 - ii. There were no disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.
 - iii. There were no requests for dispensations with regards to the Agenda under discussion.
1125. MINUTES – approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 15th November 2016 would be approved at the full Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 17th January 2017.
1126. REPORTS ON URGENT VILLAGE MATTERS COMING FORTH –
- i. Vehicle from Urban Forestry had been reported as having been parked on land belonging to the Parish Council and possibly causing an obstruction. This had now ceased and the situation would be monitored.
 - ii. Light from a property in Pigeon Lane was reported as blinding motorists when passing – it was agreed that this would be monitored and the Chairman would seek to speak to the resident if necessary
 - iii. Council had received reports that a number of cans and bottles had been left by the Community Centre. It was agreed that this was probably due to the Festive Season and would clear once the bottle banks were emptied. The Community Centre was aware of the situation.
1127. PUBLIC FORUM – there were no members of the public present and Council had received no representations from members of the public for the agenda under discussion.
1128. PLANNING MATTERS
- i. To consider and make comment to the Borough Council on the following planning applications:
 - DC/16/2658/RM - Reserved Matters Application - Submission of details under outline planning permission DC/13/0932/HYB- the means of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale - (i) residential development within Use Classes C2 and C3; (ii) local centre (iii) reservation of land for primary education (Class D1) (iv) public open space (sports & leisure facilities, allotments, play facilities and informal open space) @ Land North West Of Bury Tut Hill Fornham All Saints Suffolk - APPLICANT Countryside Properties (UK) Limited. Council unanimously proposed to object to this application in its current form for the following reasons:
 - 132 dwellings (increase over the 126 proposed for the 1st parcel of land) will result in a density that is now 34 – 36.5 per hectare which is not in keeping with the situation of the site on the edge of a town abutting rural space
 - Scale and density does not have a simple practical management and maintenance

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- Residential mix – too heavily weighted in favour of larger properties – over 50% are 4-5 bedrooms
- Lack of parking for visitors – not sufficient road space to expect vehicles to be parked in road – safety issue of pedestrian and other users of the road – visitor parking not shown clearly enough on Travel Plan
- Current policy indicates that 4 bedroom houses must have 3 parking spaces – not indicated within plan submitted
- Concern that the DCLG's Manual for Streets' has been selectively interpreted as the plans submitted indicates road width is 5.5 metres only at the primary entrance, with some routes within the site tapering to 3.75 metres, thereby restricting the use of the roads within the scheme for parking purposes.
- Garages seem not to be in conformity with the guidelines which state that a garage should be 3mtrs wide by 7 mtrs in length if to be used as storage; 3 metres wide x 6 metres in length is acceptable if there is provision internally within the dwelling for storage
- Externally garages do not have the required 2.4 mtrs margin for access either side
- Generally clutter that will arise within the estate with cars parked outside of the curtilage of the dwelling.
- Given the above there is no room to increase the numbers from 126 to 132 as now submitted.
- Non-material amendment to planning permission DC/13/0932/HYB - Replacement of drawing 180604/URB/PP/DP/005 with revised drawing 180604/URB/PP/DP/005/02 revision C to allow provision of 9 additional dwellings (Development zone parcel C) @ Land North West Of Bury Tut Hill Fornham All Saints - APPLICANT Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd.
Council unanimously agreed to object to this planning application on the following grounds:
 - lack of information upon which to base an opinion – drawings 180604/URB/PP/DP/005; 180604/URB/PP/DP/005/01 revision and 180604/URB/PP/DP/005/02 revision were not included within the application. Given the proposed increase of an additional 9 dwellings Council was in agreement to oppose this application for the same reasons as those submitted under DC/16/2658/RM, aif.
- DC/16/2642/TPO - TPO 115 (1986) - Tree Preservation Order – 1 no. Horse Chestnut (T3 on plan and T3 on order) – fell @ Owlsden, The Green.
Council could see no reason to object to this application given the health of the tree and agreed that no replacement was required due to recent replanting in the close vicinity.

1129. PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS – to receive urgent issues of concern –

- i. Cllrs. Grimshaw and Quayle made the meeting aware that they had recently attended a Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 Parish Liaison Meeting at which there was an update on V2031 from St Edmundsbury Borough Council along with a Transport report on the assessment, strategy and maintenance in and around Bury St Edmunds. It was noted that there was to be a 2nd meeting with Highways Strategic Managers to enable all parishes abutting/ surrounding Bury St Edmunds invited to make their own case regarding issues relating to the Developments proposed. Council was reminded that this would need to come back to the Parish Council as an agenda item to be formally discussed in order to ensure that the corporate view from the Council was being represented. The Clerk was asked to ensure that this was placed on the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 17th January 2017.

1130. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting on 17th January 2017 commencing at 7.30pm. Council to convene at 6.45pm for a short training session on Budgeting for Councils

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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