

Kimberley and Carleton Forehoe Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, KIMBERLEY ON FRIDAY 19th JANUARY 2018 AT 7PM

The following members were present:- Colin House (Chairman), Joy Smiley, Jane Fraser and Val Evans. The Clerk was also present and County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury were also in attendance.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments. Margaret Dewsbury handed around some 'No Cold Calling' stickers.

Action

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Diana Hambro.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications for consideration

2017/2773 Former Gravel Pit, Wymondham Road, Kimberley: Change of use from part of the ex gravel pit to storage of up to 150 caravans / motor homes.

The Parish Council considered the application documents. Councillors recalled a previous planning requirement for the trees on site to remain, and asked for this to be queried with the planners. This had been for an application relating to household waste.

Councillors felt that there was not enough information in the application. The Caravan Owners Association had suggested that storage sites should be surrounded by spiked galvanised fencing, followed by an earth bund, then a ditch. The application does not detail boundary treatments. It was felt that there was not sufficient turning area within the site. The Council would wish to see more details on elevations and cutaways.

Concern was expressed regarding highways issues. It was noted that agricultural entrances required straight roads as vehicles were slow moving and needed more room for turning, which was similar to caravans. The road that the proposed site was on was fast, and it was felt that the railway bridge would cause bottle necks. The frequent movements of lorries from Longs together with meeting caravans would cause problems, especially as the railway entrance at Longs was now in use more. It would also make the Wicklewood junction more dangerous than it already was.

Concern was expressed regarding the proximity of the site to the conservation area, and it was felt that the necessary security fencing would not be visually appealing, in contrast with the conservation area.

It was felt that the site would be busy during peak times, especially just before summer weekends, and that the average daily movements did not reflect peak movements.

Concern was expressed that there were no facilities shown for emptying toilets or providing fresh water / cleaning facilities; there was no detail of electricity to the site, or detail of floodlighting required; services and welfare facilities for the three part time workers were not listed, and concern was expressed that this would lead to an application for a covered site, which was what caravan owners preferred.

It was **agreed** to object to the application.

Clerk

5. OTHER

a) Greater Norwich Local Plan

The Clerk highlighted that the Council should consider responding to the Greater Norwich Local Plan consultation as it would affect how planning applications were determined until 2036. A list of the 65 questions was circulated, noting that only the ones felt relevant had to be answered, and councillors were asked to prepare their thoughts and answers before the next meeting, where a response would be agreed. The GNLP website detailed the various roadshows which could be attended.

**Clerk /
All**

b) Broadband Rollout

Margaret Dewsbury reported that work at South Norfolk Council to improve broadband provision was progressing well, with the project lead councillor being Michael Edney.

c) Highways Issues

Jane Fraser reported that the bottom of Low Road was silted again, and present a skid hazard risk. The Clerk was asked to report this.

The response to the request to lower the speed limit on the B1108 between Barford and Kimberley to 50mph was noted, together with the 5 car accident that morning at Skipping Block Corner. Margaret Dewsbury noted that the Road Casualty Partnership Working Group was looking at strategic speed limits across the county, and requested a formal request be made for that Working Group to consider the issue.

Clerk

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 9th March 2018 at Kimberley Church at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed

Dated