



WALSHAM le WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

[Pending formal approval, these minutes have been informally approved. Any further corrections will be proposed & minuted at the next meeting]

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bartholomew, Belson, Kinnair, Mecrow, Roberts and Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor Jessica Fleming

1 OPENING – The meeting commenced at 19:00

2 APOLOGIES

- a) Apologies had been received from Cllr Arbon due to work commitments.
- b) Council gave consent to apologies as received.

3 DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

- a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) incl. personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality – None received.
- b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda - none were requested.
- c) To receive requests for dispensations – None requested.

4 MINUTES

- a) Minutes for meeting of 14th December 2022, as previously circulated, were approved along with consent for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record

5 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION - to receive written reports for information only:

- The Chair invited questions to District Councillor Rick Meyer on his report. There were no questions. Cllr Meyer added a note that the District Council is in a strong financial position, has levied no council tax increase and has a surplus of 2 million.
- The Chair invited questions to County Councillor Jessica Fleming on her report. There were none. Cllr Belson asked about the progress with the County Council re the Parish Council's proposals re road safety improvements for Palmer Street. He also asked that Cllr Fleming note the fact that the Walsham Neighbourhood Plan contains a policy supporting such improvements, Highways have responded favorably as a consultee on the plan and have even gone as far as suggesting that they would support the use of CIL funding for such a project. Cllr Fleming welcomed this and will take it back to her colleagues. Cllr Fleming also noted that she had submitted the claim for the Locality award for the play area refurbishment and that two fallen finger posts would also be replaced. The Clerk confirmed that an image of that on Crownland Road has been submitted on 19th December.

6 PUBLIC FORUM – no members of the public were present.

- Stuart Rowland from Anglian Water had been invited to attend via the Clerk to appraise Parish Councillors of the work that Anglian Water are to carry out on the Badwell Ash Road at the end

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of February which will require a complete closure of the 285 meter section between the Four Ashes corner and the end of the 30mph zone (apart from access to properties). Anglian Water is liaising with the residents whose access to their properties is directly affected.

7 PLANNING MATTERS

a) SHEPHERD'S GROVE (WEST SUFFOLK) – DC/222190/HYB

It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek professional help in referencing its outline objections, to the development, against the National planning framework. The Clerk was tasked to contact the council's contacts with specialist knowledge and revert with any associated costs a limit of £1500 was indicated. It was also agreed the Clerk would contact other interested groups and local Parish Councils. Initial objections are detailed in Appendix 2.

b) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/22/06056 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of 1.8m high rear fencing, including gate. (retention of) Location: The Blue Boar, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AA THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT

c) APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/23/00046 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Re-Pollard 1No. Horse Chestnut (T1) to previous pollard points. Pollard 1No. Horse chestnut (T2) to match neighbouring trees. THE PARISH COUNCIL MADE NO COMMENT

8 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning Authority) for noting only

a) APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION AND RELATED LISTED BUILDING CONSENT - DC/22/05048 and DC/22/05049 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form residential annex. External alterations to existing garage to re-orientate the garage doors. Location: The Beeches, Grove Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AD APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

9 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Belson noted that all responses from consultation, the majority of which were very positive, had been received and collated. The group will now consider all the responses at next meeting on 19th January and decide on any amendments that need to be made to the draft plan.

10 PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT

- Action plan collated at request of Cllr Bartholomew was reviewed and discussed.
- Cllr Winch will check on the quotes for bench seats re VAT and ground fasteners. But it was decided that in principle, 3 benches at cost of approximately £510 each should be purchased. Cllr Winch to circulate results of her enquiries before next meeting.
- It was decided that Cllrs Belson and Mecrow would meet at the Play Area on Saturday 21st January at 09:30 to look at work required against the action plan so that a decision can be made at next meeting as to who best tackles each job.
- It was decided that the Clerk should check volunteers for proposed date of Saturday 18th March for a work party to attend to some of the minor jobs.

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- It was proposed that a celebration should be held at the Play Area on Saturday 22nd April after most of the remaining minor tasks have been completed. Planning to continue at next meeting.

11 FINANCE & AUDIT

- a) The bank reconciliation for period ending 31st December 2022 was approved and signed.
- b) Accounts awaiting payment (Appendix 1) were approved and signed for submission.
- c) The proposal from Clerk to transfer £25,000 from current to deposit account was unanimously approved.

12 CLERK & COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- a) To consider and receive the updated action log for any matters of concern/note. – Nothing of concern or note.
- b) The Parish Council unanimously approved the implementation of the 2022/23 pay award for the Clerk. Clerk to advise SALC payroll.
- c) To consider and receive cost estimate for alternative arrangements for Fishponds Lane access (Cllr Arbon will supply). This was postponed until next meeting when Cllr Arbon is present.
- d) It was decided to request that the Community Council agree to the siting of a small shed for Parish Council use on the Memorial Hall grounds. If this is accepted a decision will be made on the proposals by Gardens Weekend Committee re the marquees at the next meeting. Clerk was also asked to contact the Community Speed watch Team at Suffolk Constabulary to ask if they might know of anyone who may require a spare speed gun.
- e) With regard to the email from BMSDC re Community Governance Review and the proposal to move the boundary so that 3 properties are moved into Rickinghall Inferior from Walsham, the Parish Council decided that no response would be made.
- f) To consider and receive any other matters of concern/note. Any requiring a decision to be added agenda for next meeting.
 - The Clerk requested that September meeting be moved forward by one week due to annual leave commitments. Clerk to contact Community Council to see if it might be possible to swap the dates for PC and CC meetings. To report back to next meeting for decision.
- g) Monthly Meetings – 8th February 2023, 7pm in Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 21:00

APPENDIX 1

Payments for Authorisation January 2023

#	Payments OUT	Amount	Description
1	Kevin Boardley	£357.04	Parish Council Employee
2	Ian Campbell	£90.00	Reimbursement for NP group open day refreshments
3	Turner Tool Hire	£260.06	Last two weeks hire of Billy Goat incl collection charges
4	Memorial Village Hall	£25.00	Hall Hire
5	InExpress	£135.12	Import duty & taxes - SID solar panel
6	InExpress	£72.50	Shipment taxes - SID solar panel
7	David Murray	£350.00	Churchyard grass cutting July to September
8	David Murray	£75.00	Leaf Clearing
#	Payments IN & Other Payments/Transfers	Amount	Description

APPENDIX 2

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INITIAL OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION REFERENCE DC/22/2190/HYB

Consultation Expiry: 4 February 2023

Location Land At Shepherds Grove Bury Road Stanton Suffolk

Proposal Hybrid planning application - (A) (i) Full application on

27.56 ha of the site for the storage, distribution and processing of accident damaged and non-damaged motor vehicles, together with the erection of ancillary buildings (B8 Use Class), perimeter fencing and landscaping works (ii) Full application for a new roundabout /road and additional landscaping on circa 5.37 ha of the application site - (B) (i) Outline application for commercial/roadside uses (Use Classes B2, B8, C1, E (excluding E(a)), and a hot food takeaway and pub/restaurant) on circa 2.7 ha of the application site (Plots A, B and C) (i) Outline application for general employment uses (Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g)) on circa 1.37ha of the application site (Plot D)

Walsham le Willows Parish Council object to the application for this development in this location for the following reasons:

IN PRINCIPLE OBJECTIONS

- A. that the development is an urbanisation of the countryside on a scale which is inappropriate for the rural area.
- B. The development would detract from a largely agricultural landscape.
- C. The development of Plots A to C for the proposed use would be out of keeping with their surroundings.
- D. The development of a centralised facility to gather many vehicles will add road miles to the recycling process and create unnecessary carbon emissions.
- E. That the local road infrastructure is not suitable to support the development.
- F. The type of development is better suited in much closer proximity to a major trunk road (as with other Copart sites). Were other sites considered as is a requirement under the Environmental Impact Assessment?

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GENERAL OBJECTIONS IN OPERATION & DEVELOPMENT

A. The increase in traffic

- The movement off site of Soil and debris and the movement onto site of aggregates. The application does not give an estimate as to the total number of movements but we estimate that it is likely to be several thousands.
- The considerable increase in traffic movements that will result both during and after construction, on roads not designed for such volumes.
- The strong likelihood that the resulting increased traffic will use inappropriate roads and access routes rather than the A143 both during and after construction.
- The application makes a virtue of proximity to the M1 which is approximately 100 miles away. None of the other CoPart sites are this far from such a major transport route. The A143 is not a major road anything like those that support other CoPart sites.

B. The creation of nuisance

Through the noise, dust and light emitted from the site.

C. Methodology for measurement of net gain in Biodiversity & target.

A net gain for bio-diversity is not possible due to the scale and location.

D. The further loss of Dark Skies

It is likely that planning policies with regard to light and dark skies cannot be adhered to.

If, despite objections, the application were to be approved the Parish Council requests that conditions are applied and robustly enforced in order to protect the quality of life of local residents, specifically:

1. Development work on the site should not start until the roundabout is in place and fully operational to avoid the inappropriate use of local village roads during construction. In particular, the locally known concrete road which joins Summer Road and is cited in the application to be used for access during construction.
2. The new roundabout must be in place prior to the commencement of the development otherwise the significantly increased lorry movements through the accident Blackspot at the junction of the Summer Road / A143 would be unsafe.
3. A clear and unambiguous transport plan should be drawn up and strictly enforced on the basis of the category appropriate to the volumes involved.
4. Clear and unambiguous conditions should be applied to minimise impacts of light and noise pollution during construction and operation should be applied.
5. Clear and unambiguous conditions should be applied to control the generation of dust during the period of the construction.
6. It should be demonstrated that other locations for this sort of enterprise are thoroughly investigated under the Environmental Impact Assessment in order to identify more appropriate locations (particularly with regard to proximity to major roads like the M1).

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