

WICKLEWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Wicklewood Village Hall on Monday 5th September, 2022

Present: John Seville (JS) Chair, Richard Goodings (RG), John Hipperson (JH), Stephen Brown (SB), Nick Kemp (NK)

In attendance: Helen Frayer (HF) Parish Clerk, Richard Elliott (RE) District Councillor

59. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. He announced that Joel Pailes had resigned from the council due to a conflict of interest with his new job. He introduced the new Bookings Clerk, Tina Phillip. Apologies received from Louise Downton and Margaret Dewsbury.

60. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: RG for agenda item 10.5

61. PUBLIC FORUM:

- A local resident spoke against planning application 2022/1367
Object on many grounds. Five here.
 1. Past precedent. Three previous attempts to make site residential. Nothing has changed since these failed. Why should this succeed?
 2. Recent precedent - failure to gain PA for a bungalow at north end of Green Lane on grounds of outside development area, unsuitableness of Green Lane, as narrow unclassified road with no passing places, for further development.
 3. Future precedent. If this succeeds further developments on adjacent site can be expected. Would acceptance of this proposal make future proposals and their acceptance more likely?
 4. Planned development not related to any other existing developments and aesthetically not in sympathy with existing Green Lane residences.
 5. Out of keeping in area. This is a field, surrounded by fields. It is not in keeping with the use and aesthetics of the area - Tiffey Tributary Farmland

Also

1. Site has been developed as if PA already gained - e.g. hedgerow removed, ditch filled, six foot close boarded fence erected, massive sixteen foot gates erected, trees felled, site levelled. As if to say, this looks like a building site now, so it should be approved as a building site.
2. Claims made for site to already have usable services - electricity, water, drainage for waste. Not the case.
3. Claim that site is needed for home. Inference that owner has no home. Have been told by owner that he lives in Easton and owns other sites in Norfolk
4. And, there is some question as to the removal of the original hedgerow. According to the UK Gov countryside guidance, the hedgerow should have been protected as (length), it was over 20m. And (location) was next to land used for agriculture, and

possibly delineated the boundary between Wicklewood and Crownthorpe. This calls into question the legality of some of the original works undertaken prior to the planning application.

- A local resident raised safety concerns about the recently re-located temporary bus stop on Wymondham Rd near Hospital Rd. This is not a suitable location due to the sloping grassy site. JS explained that complaints had been received from a local resident who objected to the previous location at the end of their driveway. This new location was picked by the bus company to avoid this. It is not a formal bus stop as this is a hail and ride service. JS asked resident if he could supply information to take to the bus company
- A local resident reported on the Community Speed Watch. There are now 3 sessions a week with 3 teams of volunteers. Police are updated with the results. Aim to publish results on parish website. Current locations are Hackford Rd end, The Green, The Cheery Tree and High St by the windmill. 14th -20th Nov is Road Safety Awareness Week, it is hoped the police will join in on the sessions.
- RE reported that he will be supporting the objections to the planning application as it is wholly out of character with the area. He also agreed with the concerns about the safety of the bus stop and has written to county councillor on this matter. He mentioned the Customer Services Panel which has been adopted to get public feedback. It is important to ensure that public voices are heard.

62. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2022: RG proposed to accept the Minutes as correct, seconded by NK, all agreed

63. TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM CLERK ON ACTIONS SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING: HF reported that there had been no actions from the last meeting

64. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 64.1** George Freeman MP – New pylons consultation – re offshore alternative – circulated
- 64.2** SNC – Re Customer Panel – circulated, put on notice board, social media, parish mag
- 64.3** Norfolk Parishes Movement – Re OTN – circulated and on agenda

65. FINANCE

65.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT including late invoices not on agenda

Ratification of payments made in August when there was no meeting

Salaries	Clerk & Booking Clerk	458.22
HMRC	Month 4	78.80
Dream Team Cleaning	Cleaning village hall	324.00
Tim Carver	Verge cutting June and July	240.00
SNC	Premises Licence – DD	180.00
	TOTAL	£1,399.22

This month's payments

Salaries	Clerk & Booking Clerk	458.22
HMRC	Month 5	78.80

Dream Team Cleaning	Cleaning village hall	405.00
TTSR	Grounds maintenance	391.48
EDF Energy	Electricity – DD	127.64
Wave	Water rates – DD	329.17
Various	Hall Hire Deposit refund	100.00
	TOTAL	£1,890.31

Resolved: That all accounts as presented be paid. Proposed NK, seconded SB, all agreed

65.2 MONTHLY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS REPORT

	Current	Premium	Total
Balance b/f	24,368.20	13,790.34	38,158.54
Total receipts to 29.5.22	6,214.00	0.00	6,214.00
	30,582.20	13,790.34	44,372.54
Total payments to 29.5.22	3,554.00	0.00	3,554.00
	27,028.20	13,790.34	40,818.54
Inter Account Transfers	-5,112.00	+5,112.00	0.00
Closing Balance	21,916.20	18,902.34	40,818.54

66. HIGHWAYS:

66.1 JS reported that Brian Clarke has cut some of the verges.

66.2 JH said that we had still not had any resolution of the situation with the hedge in Church Lane and it was now in the right season to cut hedges. **JH proposed we write to Highways re this again, NK seconded, al agreed.** Also ask MD to actively support this

67. PLANNING

67.1 2022/1415 and 2022/1605 – 7 All Saints Close. No views or comments

67.2 2022/1367 – Land west of Green Lane. SB said he completely agreed with all the points raised by the local resident. He added:

1. The application contravenes the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations (2017) with respect to Nutrient Neutrality.
2. The proposed development is outside the settlement limit defined by the South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan. It is not one of the preferred or shortlisted sites identified within that plan for development.
3. Therefore, to be approved there would need to be some special mitigating circumstances that would override the normal planning constraints.
4. The proposal implies that permission should be given under the SNDC obligation to identify suitable sites for Travellers and Gypsies.
5. To ensure that this aspect is given proper attention, the application should be referred to the Greater Norwich Local Plan Gypsy and Traveller Focused Consultation for consideration before the details of the planning application are considered in order to ascertain its suitability as a traveller site.
6. Although no work should be undertaken before planning permission is granted, two features of the proposed development have been completed: (a) Erection of

close boarded fencing (adjoining the highway). (b) Installation of a Klargester sewage treatment plant (reported in the Design and Access Statement accompanying the application).

NK proposed that the parish council's response combines the comments raised by the member of the public along with those raised by SB. JH seconded, all agreed

67.3 2022/1581 – 3 Wood Cottages – No views or comments

67.4 Decisions noted

67.5 To consider distribution of planning documents. Following comments made over a shared document and whether it should have been circulated for a previous application, there had been email discussion about which documents should be circulated. After discussion it was agreed to leave processes as they are whereby councillors do what research on applications they see fit and if they find anything helpful they may share it if they wish. **NK proposed this SB seconded all agreed**

67.6 To agree how council deals with non-contentious applications that have a deadline prior to next meeting. At present, they are circulated by email and if no views or comments then that is acceptable as the council's response. **JS said that if any councillor requests that it goes to the meeting for discussion then an extension should be requested. NK proposed, RG seconded, all agreed.** HF pointed out that just because an extension is requested, it may not be granted as the planning department have deadlines they have to meet. Also requested that councillors do respond to these emails.

68. VILLAGE HALL, PLAYING FIELDS AND ALLOTMENTS

68.1 Report from Booking Clerk: TP reported that bookings have been good with several parties. All the regular users are still in place.

68.2 Hall Maintenance: No issues

68.3 Playing Field Inspection: As LD was not present there was no report. NK will do an inspection. JH reported he has removed a dead tree near the table tennis table. The hedge has been cut. JS commented that all inspection reports should be retained

68.4 Report from allotments inspection: RG reported he had inspected on 25/7 and 28/8, no issues. HF said that the invoices for the coming year would shortly be sent out. Plot 12 has not been cultivated so this will not be renewed. The adjoining plot had already expressed an interest however there is a waiting list. Agreed it should be offered to first on waiting list

68.5 To agree Bowls Club placing compost containers on area at edge of verge. The area has now been cleared of rubbish, TTSR are happy to cut the area when they do the rest of the verge. Bowls Club want to install 2 compost bins. **JH proposed accepting, NK seconded, all agreed.** Will include amendment to BC agreement

68.5 To consider quote for cleaning of bus shelter: 3 quotes have been received, two for £30 per clean, one for £20. **NK proposed accepting the lower quote, from Maran Cleaning, SB seconded, all agreed**

- 69. TO CONSIDER APPLICATION TO PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME** It was agreed not to this year as it is too late to get plans in place to meet December deadline. Councillors to bring suggestions to future meetings so application can be made next year.
- 70. TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR.** The official notification is out, deadline ends on 9th September. If an election is not required, then we can move to co-opt. Will advertise on local social media. The Net, website, school and local posters.
- 71. RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 71.1** Norfolk Parishes Movement – re OTN, request to write to MP. **SB proposed writing, NK seconded, all agreed**
- 72. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** HF had circulated dates of planning training. NK December date, SB September date. RG will check availability, HF will chase LD for date
- 73. DATE OF FUTURE MEETING:** The next meeting will be at 7.45 on Monday 3rd October. Agenda items to Clerk by 23rd September.