

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes from a Meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 6 April 2016 at 7.30pm at The Willow Centre, 1-13 Willowcroft Way, Cringleford.

PRESENT:

Professor M. Wagstaff – Chairman (MW)
Mr M Jalil (MJ)
Mrs I Kirk (IK)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sonya Blythe – Parish Clerk (SB)

1	Apologies for Absence	
	Apologies were received from Andy Osborne who was attending a different meeting.	
2	Declarations of Interest	
	None declared.	
3	To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 March 2016.	
	The minutes were approved and signed.	
4	To Discuss Matters Arising	
	Councillors noted that application 2016/0305 had been withdrawn	
5	Land Fund Update	
	MW reported that a complaint had been received regarding the horses illegally grazing on this land. This would be reported to the land owners and the RSPCA.	Clerk
6	Barrett Homes Update	
	No update received. The clerk was asked to check when the CIL money would be received.	Clerk
7	S106 Update including football pitch at The Willow Centre	
	The transfer documents were still awaited.	

	MW reported that Kier had acknowledged the flooding issue at The Willow Centre and had asked an inspector to take a look.	
8	A11 Crossing Update	
	A full response had not yet been received. This would be chased.	Clerk
9	Correspondence:	
9.1	New bus shelter opposite the village green and consider repainting the post box by the village green A request had been received for a bus shelter opposite the village green. Councillors agreed that it would not be possible to install just one, they would have to be erected throughout the parish, therefore this would need to be part of a longer, budgeted programme. Royal Mail would be contacted to ask if they have a schedule of re-painting and where Cringleford is in the programme.	Clerk
9.2	Verges on Intwood Road An email had been received regarding large vehicles driving up the kerb on Intwood Road and damaging the verges. Councillors agreed to forward this to Highways to see if they could offer assistance and recommend to the resident that they try to get vehicle registration numbers in order to pass to the police.	Clerk
9.3	Sewers on Colney Lane A resident had contacted the parish council with concerns regarding the sewers running from Roundhouse Park to Colney Lane possibly overflowing, as the sewer was taking storm water from the road as well as sewage.	
9.4	Norfolk County Council – change of speed limit on Dragonfly Land and Brambling Lane Notice had been received regarding a change in speed limit to 20mph on Dragonfly Lane and Brambling Lane. CPC would confirm to Highways that they agreed with this but also note that the proposed yellow lines were not mentioned within the order.	Clerk
9.5	Highways England – A47 Road Investment Strategy Development proposals for the A47 had been received by CPC and individual residents, but this did not include details of what the works would actually be. The clerk would respond that CPC was happy with the inclusion of the Thickthorn junction in the works and would be pleased to receive more detail in due course.	Clerk
10	To agree actions for the beech tree on the village green	

	<p>The picus test had been carried out which revealed a major weakness in the tree at the fork. The surveyor recommended removing the tree and replacing it with a mature tree. It would be possible to trim the canopy and brace the branches. This would extend the tree life by 3-5 years and would bring about maintenance costs for the braces. The braces would not stop the tree from falling but would offer some support in the meantime.</p> <p>It was agreed to take this to full council for a final decision. The report would be added to the website and South Norfolk Council approached regarding obtaining permission to remove the tree if necessary.</p>	
11	<p>To discuss soakaways at the Recreation Ground</p> <p>The soggy area of ground by the scout hut was discussed. It was agreed to pay for an inspection of the soakaways at the recreation ground and then discuss with the scouts.</p>	Clerk
12	<p>To note the outcome of the UEA planning application if known</p> <p>No outcome yet. MW agreed to circulate the visualisation of the proposed pavilion which has been created.</p>	MW
13	<p>To receive an update on car-parking in the parish</p> <p>No update</p>	
	<p>To consider the following planning applications:</p> <p>13.1 2016/0620 – 9 Cringleford Chase (Works to TPO trees) – no objection.</p> <p>13.2 2016/0417 - 29 Oakfields Road (Conversion of existing loft space to additional accommodation) – already approved.</p> <p>13.3 2016/0662 - Land Adjacent to Cringleford Roundabout (Drive Thru McDonalds Restaurant, Car parking, Landscaping, 2 Customer Order Displays with Associated Canopies, Remote Refuse Store, Covered Cycle Parking, Play Space, Patio Furniture and Fencing)</p> <p>2016/0663 - Land Adjacent to Cringleford Roundabout (Installation of illuminated adverts including 6 Fascia Signs)</p> <p>2016/0664 Land Adjacent to Cringleford Roundabout (Installation of illuminated adverts including 1 Gateway, 9 Freestanding, 1 Side by Side Directional, 13 Dot Signs and 2 Banner Units)</p> <p>2016/0665 Land Adjacent to Cringleford Roundabout - Installation of 2 freestanding 12m illuminated Totem Signs.</p> <p>The above four applications were considered as a whole. Following</p>	

	<p>discussion it was agreed that an objection would be lodged, on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The site lies within the Southern Bypass Protection Zone and within the strategic gap between Hethersett and Cringleford. 2. It is inappropriate to have so much intrusive signage on the approach to Norwich. 3. The problem of litter. 4. Pedestrian and cycling access to the site is not seen in the round. It is not simply a question of being able to enter and leave the McDonald site but also of being able to proceed safely along the pedestrian/cycling route which crosses the proposed entrance. 5. The proposed development will constrain the options for the improvement of the Thickthorn interchange. 6. The referenced major engineering works originally proposed by the Highway Authority offered as a solution to the Thickthorn 'problem' is no longer a live option. 7. Inadequate account has been taken of actual vehicle movements in the vicinity of the proposed development site. 8. Not even a passing reference appears to be made to the Cringleford Neighbourhood Development Plan. 	
13.4	15/01646/F – Bartram Mowers. It was noted that the application had been amended. A response would be sent from CPC to confirm that its opposition to the application remained.	
12	Date of Next Meeting	
	Agreed as 4 May 2016 at 7.30pm.	
13	Items for Next Agenda:	
	Streetlights Trees on Harts Lane	
14	Any Other Business	
	None raised.	

Meeting closed at 20:35