

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

PRESENT:

Professor M. Wagstaff – Chairman (MW)
Mr A Osborne (AO)
Mr M Jalil (MJ)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sonya Blythe – Parish Clerk (SB)

1	Apologies for Absence	
	Apologies were received from Mrs I Kirk.	
2	Declarations of Interest	
	None declared.	
3	To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 January 2016.	
	The minutes were approved and signed subject to the following amendment:- Item 9 – should read “MW circulated a plan . . .”	
4	To Discuss Matters Arising	
	Intwood business park. 2015/2843 – South Norfolk Council had taken legal advice which resulted in its Cabinet refusing to allow permitted building rights to be suspended. Item 14 - MJ reported that the car had been removed.	
5	Land Fund Update	
	MW advised that Land Fund had won their appeal and would be able to build 650 houses, 250 above the number allowed in the neighbourhood plan. Concern was raised regarding the inadequacy of the plans to deal with the increased traffic at the Thickthorn roundabout long-term.	

6	Barrett Homes Update	
	IK and MW had attended a meeting with South Norfolk Council to discuss the CII agreement with Barratts and officers. This will provide school, allotments and a wood / orchard on the Newfound Farm plot. In addition, new playing fields and a pavilion would be provided – agreements had been improved to ensure that these were received fit for use.	
7	S106 Update including football pitch at The Willow Centre	
	Full council had agreed to the transfer of the land to the parish council. No formal decision had been made on when it would be available for football.	
8	A11 Crossing Update	
	MW would send the letter imminently.	
9	To consider quotes for tree works.	
	Following consideration of three quotes it was resolved to contract Eastern Tree Care to remove the ash trees at Oakfield Road.	Clerk
	A decision on the beech tree on the village green would be taken once residents views had been garnered through the newsletter. RaAG would also be consulted.	Clerk
10	Correspondence	
10.1	A letter had been received regarding streetlighting on Keswick Road. The clerk would arrange for any outstanding streetlight works in the area to be carried out.	Clerk
10.2	Correspondence was noted regarding the fact that there is no dropped kerb access on Cantley Lane. This would be the position until building work was finished in the area.	
10.3	Correspondence had been received regarding the proposed move of the Norwich Rugby Union Club from Cringleford to the UEA playing fields. This would remove some woodland . Following discussion it was resolved to offer broad support to the objectors but to wait for a formal planning proposal to be submitted before commenting. MW would try to attend a meeting of Colney parish to discuss. [Post meeting note: application received 8/2/16].	MW
10.4	Reports had been received regarding branches from trees on Harts Lane falling into a resident's garden. The clerk would ascertain who the trees belong to.	Clerk

10.5	A letter had been received from Birketts solicitors regarding changes to the scout hut trustees. MW would look at the scout hut lease before a response is sent.	MW
	A complaint had been received regarding non-working streetlights on the footpath from Cantley Lane to Newmarket Road. This would be reported to the developers.	Clerk
11	Planning Applications	
11.1	2016/0067 – 1 Cringleford Chase (works to TPO trees – reduce laterals and weight reduction) - refused already by South Norfolk.	
11.2	2016/0157 Units 3 And 4 Cringleford Business Centre, Intwood Road (proposed change of use for new pilates studio). Following discussion councillors resolved to object to the planning application on the grounds that the number of car parking spaces provided was inadequate for the number of staff and visitors who would be using the studio. Concern was raised that this would impact on an already busy road and create a serious traffic hazard.	
11.3	2016/0198 – 38 Keswick Road (reduce overhang of TPO beech trees over the drive by 2m – no objections.	
11.4	2016/0199 – 38 Keswick Road - (to fell a conservation area plum tree). No objections. MW to check whether this is conservation land prior to a response being sent.	MW
12	Date of Next Meeting	
	Agreed as 25 February 2016 at 7.30pm.	
13	Items for Next Agenda	
	Annual review of planning applications. Beech tree on village green.	
14	Any Other Business	
	None raised.	

Meeting closed at 20:55