

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes from a Meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 9 March 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)
Mrs I Kirk (IK)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sonya Blythe – Parish Clerk (SB)
Members of the public.

Before the meeting was officially opened, two members of the public raised their concerns regarding the possibility that the beech tree on the village green may be felled without receiving appropriate tests due to it displaying some signs of being diseased.

A member of the public raised the matter of the dim streetlights on Keswick Road, which was discussed at the last meeting. Remedial actions had been taken by the clerk in the meantime.

1	Apologies for Absence	
	None received.	
2	Declarations of Interest	
	None declared.	
3	To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 February 2016.	
	The minutes were approved and signed.	
4	To Discuss Matters Arising	
	10.5 – MW had checked the scouts lease and no further action was required. 10.6 – The street lights from Cantley Lane to Newmarket Road had still not been repaired by Bovis. The clerk would contact them again.	Clerk

5	Land Fund Update	
	No update.	
6	Barrett Homes Update	
	A copy of the final CIL agreement was awaited from South Norfolk Council.	
7	S106 Update including football pitch at The Willow Centre	
	The land has still not been transferred, due to the developer's solicitor needing to supply some documentation. MW reported that the soakaway at The Willow Centre repeatedly flooded during heavy rain. He had requested that Kier look at this, who had agreed to send a technical officer.	
8	A11 Crossing Update	
	CPCs suggested plans for this had been forwarded to Highways.	
9	Trees	
9.1	To agree actions for the beech tree on the village green. Articles had been placed within the Eaton and Cringleford magazine and the Cringleford and Colney parish newsletter, with the vast majority of responses expressing concern that the tree may be felled without a proper test being first carried out to ascertain how diseased it is. Following discussion it was agreed that a picus test would be organised by the clerk. Following this a decision on the future of the tree could be taken.	Clerk
9.2	To discuss Harts Lane. Further to the last meeting the clerk had established that ownership of the trees on Hart's Lane belong to the school on one side of the lane and the parish council on the side adjacent to TWC land. A resident had complained of a tree dropping branches into his garden. However, this would be hard to access as the resident's boundary fence had been extended to include the tree. It was agreed that action would need to be taken in the future.	
10	Correspondence	
10.1	A letter had been received from a resident concerning the increase in parked cars down Colney Lane. The clerk would advise that work was ongoing with Highways regarding this, who would be carrying out a further consultation shortly. The letter also noted that the walk over the river bridge could be dark with little lighting in place. This would be raised at the A2Better meeting being held on 22 March.	Clerk

10.2	MW reported that a consultation on proposed changes to planning applications by the Government had been released. The aim of this was to speed up planning applications by allowing one company to process all applications. MW had responded to the questionnaire.	
11	Planning Applications	
11.1	2016/0233 – Rugby Football Club and the University of East Anglia Sports Facility (new sports pitches). It was agreed to object on the following grounds:- 1). The scale is too large for the setting; 2). The transport assessment is incomplete; 3). The environmental impact assessment is both inadequate and disingenuous; 4). The community benefits are exaggerated; 5). Approval of the application would disregard the Cringleford Neighbourhood Development Plan.	
11.2	2016/0283 – 11 Newmarket Road (to replace the fence with boundary walls). No comment.	
11.3	2016/0305 – Land to rear of 6 Colney Lane (proposed new dwelling and garage). It was agreed to object on the grounds that the house would be out of keeping and proportion with the neighbourhood. It also goes against policy ENV9 in the neighbourhood plan, which says that the division of large gardens will be discouraged and only permitted when minimal effects on flora and fauna have been demonstrated and where building densities in the surrounding neighbourhood are not compromised.	
11.4	2016/0253 - 69 Intwood Road (second storey extension). No objections.	
11.5	2016/0246 – Cringleford First and Middle Schools (change of use from educational to residential). No objection but planning would be advised that there is no damp course within the building.	
11.5	2016/0353 – 10 Colney Lane (erection of two storey rear extension) No objection	
11.7	2016/0422 - 34 Colney Lane (two storey extension). No objection	
12	Annual Review of Planning Applications Under the Neighbourhood Development plan the parish council is committed to reviewing its planning applications each year. The annual report was circulated and approved. The report will be circulated to district and county councilors, the local MP and South Norfolk Council's planning department.	Clerk

12	Date of Next Meeting	
	<p>Agreed as 6 April 2016 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>It was agreed to try to hold meetings on the first Wednesday of the month in future.</p>	
13	Items for Next Agenda	
	<p>Beech tree</p> <p>Outcome of the UEA planning application</p> <p>Update on car-parking in the parish</p> <p>Anglian Water / sewers.</p> <p>Street lighting</p>	
14	Any Other Business	
	None raised.	

Meeting closed at 20:55