

CRINGLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes from a Meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 7 September 2016 at 10am at The Willow Centre, 1-13 Willowcroft Way, Cringleford.

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sonya Blythe – Parish Clerk	(SB)
3x members of public	

Parishioners Question Time

Parishioners raised the following issues:-

1. Tree survey, Harts Lane - Following questions the Clerk confirmed that tree works on high and medium priority trees would be carried out by CPCs contractor in early October. The numbering of the trees on the survey would be checked with the contractor beforehand.

2. The amended yellow line proposals from Highways for Dragonfly Lane and surrounding roads were discussed. Residents stated that the double yellow lines would move the problem of cars blocking the roads to neighbouring streets rather than improve it. It would also remove any visitor parking for the properties. The parishioners advised that the scheme had no resident support (from the neighbouring properties spoken with) and had not been properly consulted on and requested that a formal parking scheme be put in place instead. The parish council's support to the objection was sought.

The chairman advised the proposals had been brought about due to problems for both buses and emergency vehicles entering the estate, as well as fly-parking. Highways had consulted with residents, including a full public meeting and the parish council had placed information on meeting agendas when available. This was the third variation of the plan and only one resident had commented on the last set of plans. Highways had rejected other options such as single yellow lines or replacing the mini roundabout with a T-junction as not feasible. The Highways consultation was still open and parishioners were encouraged to send their views in. The Parish Council would continue to work towards a parking permit scheme.

3. Horse use of Harts Lane was discussed; the CPC confirmed that horses had the right to use the route. The groundsman would be asked to look at the

untidy edges in the same area.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs I Kirk.

2 Declarations of Interest

MW declared a personal interest as a friend of one of the parishioners attending regarding the proposed yellow line scheme.

3 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2016.

The minutes were approved and signed.

4 To Discuss Matters Arising

None

5 Land Fund Update

MW reported that the land will likely be put on the market in the spring.

Both Barretts and Landfund were being liaised with by CPC regarding the possibility of providing some land for a burial ground.

6 Barrett Homes Update

No updates received.

7 S106 Update including football pitch at The Willow Centre

The transfer was still not complete. MW and the Clerk had met with the consortium and discussed outstanding issues. They had subsequently advised that the catch-pit had been cleared of all silt and should now be working more efficiently – in addition a headwall pipe would be installed to support the outlet pipe leading to the catchpit. The system would need to be annually inspected and cleared. Information was still awaited on the playability of the football pitch.

8 A11 Crossing Update

This would be removed as a standing item as Highways had provided a response previously. Reports on incidents would continue to be compiled.

9 To receive an update on the parish flooding

The Willow Centre – floors in the bistro and office had now been replaced. TWC would close for the next three weeks to change the

sprung floor and decorate. As reported above, the catch pit had been cleared of silt so the issue should not reoccur.

A meeting had been held with the relevant authorities and parishioners who were impacted by the Cantley Lane flooding. Brown and Co had deepened the trenches since the event and Anglian Water had agreed to inspect the balancing pond. A report was awaited from Norfolk County Council which would take up to 18 weeks.

10 To consider options for maintaining the new open spaces and football field

MW reported that RAAG had discussed options for maintaining the new open spaces and football pitch, once received. RAAG had agreed that they would like the role to be kept in-house, possibly in an apprentice position. FAG had agreed with this.

EPAG agreed in principle, subject to investigation into how much work would be involved and possible costs.

11 Correspondence:

11.1 Tree survey on Harts Lane – work on high and medium priority works to be carried out in October.

11.2 Further to correspondence several months ago, the owner of a property which backed onto Harts Lane had written to advise that she would attend the meeting to discuss CPCs decision not to allow the property fence to be extended to the pathway on Harts Lane. The parishioner was unable to attend the meeting but councilors reconfirmed their previous decision against allowing residents enclose public land.

11.3 Correspondence had been received with an offer to search for and register public rights of way within the parish, for a fee. The clerk was asked to contact NCC to ascertain what footpaths were recorded within Cringleford.

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Clerk

11.4 Proposed traffic management scheme – in addition to the above discussion, councilors agreed to explore the option of single yellow lines with Highways. Residents were broadly supportive of the changes suggested to Colney Lane.

11.5 A letter had been received from First Eastern buses detailing changes to the bus route on Roundhouse Park, due to parked cars (resident and construction) affecting access. No consultation had taken place and very little notice had been given. A response would be sent objecting to the changes and pointing out that the alternate route was even narrower than the current situation.

11.6 Correspondence had been received from a resident highlighting the

need for a pedestrian crossing on Roundhouse Way from the bus stop. This will be forwarded to Highways with a request to explore the possibility.

- 11.7** A workshop would be held around the Greater Norwich Local Plan – revision of joint core strategy on 12 September. MW would attend.

12 To consider the following planning applications:

- 12.1 2016/1935 – Replace fence with new boundary walls. This was located in a conservation area and so Councilors agreed to recommend that SNC invite their Conservation Officer to comment. If the officer did not object then neither would CPC.

- 12.2 2016/0233 – The date of committee to decide the outcome of the UEA Sports Park / Norwich Rugby club planning application had been set as 12 October. NCC had not commented on the flood risk of the site – MW agreed to write regarding this. MW

13 Date of Next Meeting

Agreed as 6 October 2016 at 7.30pm

14 Items for Next Agenda:

-Potholes – Highways slow response to fill them.

15 Any Other Business

None raised.

Meeting closed at 21:20