

BRAYBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a PLANNING MEETING
Tuesday 16 June 2015
in The Village Hall, Braybrooke at 7.00 pm.

1 ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES

Present: Councillors: Mrs. D. Berry (Chair), Mrs. A. Beardsmore, Mr. N. Glazebrook, Mrs. M. Jessop, Mr. G. Normand NCC Cllr A. Matthews

Apologies: Cllr. Ayton, Cllr Stanley and Frances Allbury (Clerk)

Parishioners: 7

2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2.1 Villages raised concerns regarding the proposal detailed under item 7 on the agenda giving the Parish Council the power to respond to any future planning application which they considered may adversely effect the village and locality without the need to hold a specific planning meeting for the purpose. It was felt that all planning applications should be advertised as they have been in the past to enable public participation and debate.

2.2 Residents queried the legality of the recent closed meeting at which the new Clerk was in attendance. Cllr Normand commented that under NCALC guide lines it was acceptable to hold such meetings although Councillors were committed to holding open meetings to make the Parish Council accessible to all residents.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

4 4.1 KET/2015/004419 (Harborough DC reference 15/00636/OUT)

Land at end of Dunmore Road, Market Harborough. Consultation on erection of 60 dwellings with associated access, pedestrian links, public open spaces, car parking, landscaping and drainage. Although not within the parish boundary the proposed development would impact the village.

This application was considered and it was agreed that the Parish Council would strenuously recommend refusal of the application for the following reasons:

- There is already a considerable density of traffic between Dunmore Road and the Northampton Road which at rush-hours results in traffic backing up from the centre of Market Harborough along the Northampton Road, along Braybrooke Road back past the entrance to Dunmore Road.
- There are already many parents driving and walking their children to the primary school in Scotland Road. Parking associated with the school already creates a problem; additional traffic would make this even more hazardous.
- This all demonstrates that the roads in the locality are insufficient for additional traffic.
- Additional housing would result in more traffic going through Braybrooke on the existing rat-run between the A6 and A508.
- Construction traffic may well access the site through Braybrooke due to the existing congestion on Northampton Road.
- The application site is located on a green field site, on good agricultural land very close to the river and on the flood plain.
- The application site is very close to the Braybrooke parish boundary and would be seen clearly from Braybrooke Road in what is currently a very rural area.
- The application site is another of several that have focussed recently on expanding Little Bowden. This is a gradual incursion into the green wedge between Market Harborough and the rural villages. It should be considered in light of the housing that has been built up Kettering Road, and on Clack Hill.
- If the application were approved, a footpath/cycleway should connect it with Rookwell Drive.
- Connaught Road would be a far better option than this proposal but it has been designated as an area for future car parking, not housing.

4.2 DA/2015/0275

6 no. brick pillars on Braybrooke Road and Desborough Road, Arthingworth Road.

Councillors advised that this application has been refused by Daventry District Council.

- 5 **PRESENTATION BY DR. ALISON FRANKS: proposed new development in Griffin Road.**
The aim of this planning application is to replace the dilapidated housing and barns at the end of their paddocks and stabling with single storey stabling and barn with a yard frontage. The high conifers would also be reduced in height. The Parish Council expressed their support agreeing that it would improve the appearance of the site.
- 6 **CPRE PLANNING ROADSHOW**
Cllr Stanley attended on behalf of the Parish Council. The talk confirmed the actions that the Parish Council have taken in the past were as they would prescribe but sadly was unable to offer any fresh measures for us to employ. Cllr Berry would, as a matter of urgency, once again request a meeting with Kettering Borough Council officials.
- 7 **PLANNING APPLICATION MEETINGS**
Item 2.1 above refers. It was agreed to continue with the present procedures for holding all planning meetings.
- 8 **PAYMENT FOR REPLANTING THE VILLAGE GREEN**
Approved.
- 9 **FOOTPATH WARDEN**
The Footpath Warden Mr. Frank Taylor invited anyone interested to accompany him on a walk of the village footpaths.
- 10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
10.1 Concern was expressed at the residue of tarmac left on adjacent footpaths to the resurfacing of School Lane.
10.2 Cllr Berry will contact residents concerning an overgrown hedge adjacent to the footpath near the bridge.
- 11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**
21 July 2015 in the village hall commencing at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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