

# WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14 March 2013 at 7 30 pm in the Parish Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road

Present: Councillors: D Law (Chairman), J Watson, G Pake, D Jacques, P King

Parishioners: Two

# 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Cook, Manning and Harris all with prior meeting commitments.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Public forum (maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes) (the meeting was adjourned)

Two parishioners attended regarding item 6(ii) S/2550/12/OL – 33 Green Street, Willingham. Both parishioners expressed their concerns regarding the proposed plans and had previously submitted written correspondence to the Committee (circulated prior to the meeting). They raised concerns regarding the proximity of the development to neighbouring properties and the potential for those properties being heavily overlooked. They were also concerned that not all neighbouring residents had been provided with sufficient notification of the plans. One of the residents also queried whether the plans allowed for sufficient access for emergency vehicles should they need to access the site.

(The meeting was reconvened)

#### 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2013

Councillor Law proposed these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Watson and agreed with three votes in favour and two abstentions (due to not being at the meeting).

(Please note that prior to the meeting Councillor Cook pointed out an error with the minutes of 11 February 2013 under item 2 (declarations of interest) He declared an interest against item 6(iv) and not 6(ii) as stated in the minutes).

# 5. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2013, not covered elsewhere on this agenda

Item 10(ii) – Willingham Primary School new access – A reply has been received from CCC regarding the proposed access and the repositioning of the bench with a map detailing the work. It was agreed to respond to CCC agreeing to the new site for the bench and also suggesting that some form of railing be put in place on the corner to prevent children running directly onto the road.

Clerk

# 6. Planning applications for consideration

(i) S/0133/13/FL - Kerley & Co, Over Road, Willingham, Mr T Kerley - new access road from Haden Way

Councillor Watson informed the committee that he had received six phone calls from residents in Haden Way expressing their concerns regarding the proposed access and he felt that the proposal should not go ahead. Councillor King proposed that the Parish Council make no recommendation with the note that some opposition from local residents had been brought to our attention and that the Council would leave SCDC and Highways to ensure residents are consulted and assess the suitability of the access. This was seconded by Councillor Jacques and agreed with three votes in favour and one against.

(ii) S/2550/12/OL – 33 Green Street, Willingham Mr and Mrs Lawrie - Outline permission for dwelling (all matters reserved)(Please note number was typed incorrectly on the agenda as S/2250/12/OL)

After some discussion regarding letters of objections received from parishioners and previous applications for the site, Councillor Watson recommended refusal due to overdevelopment of the site. This was seconded by councillor Pake and agreed with three votes in favour and two abstentions.

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### 7. Planning Application Permissions (for information only)

- (i) S/0031/13/FL 21A Rampton End, Willingham Mr M Coe first floor extension above garage.
- (ii) S/2102/12/AD Willingham House, 50 Church Street, Willingham Mr Z Li Display of Sign

Both the above have been circulated and noted.

- 8. Correspondence
- (i) March Planning policy update

Previously circulated and noted

(ii) To receive correspondence from Parishioners regarding S/2550/12/OL - 33 Green Street

Previously circulated and noted.

(iii) Notification of Northstowe Joint Development Committee Meeting - 19th March 2013

It was agreed that the committee did not need to speak at the meeting.

Councillor Watson expressed his concern regarding the number of properties being planned for the first phase and the provision being made for the number of vehicles potentially accessing the B1050. Councillor Law confirmed that at previous meetings the model of traffic flow demonstrated to them showed provision will be adequate. Councillor King stated that he has no confidence in County Council Highways being able to resolve the traffic issues.

(iv) To receive and consider response to letter from SCDC regarding Green St development

The Parish Council has received some letters of complaints from Parishioners regarding the proposed change from mixed housing to entirely affordable housing. Councillor Pake strongly objected to the change and supported the feelings highlighted in residents correspondence regarding the potential impact of the change on them as residents. The committee felt that whilst the Parish Council supports the increase in availability of affordable housing in the village it strongly felt that to be most beneficial this needs to be geographically spread rather than clustered in one single central location. The Clerk was asked to write to SCDC confirming the above.

Clerk

(v) To receive and consider response to letter from Parishioner regarding Green St development

(This item was taken jointly with 8(iv).

(vi) Notification of Needingworth Quarry liaison meeting (18th March 2013)

Councillor Law volunteered to attend the meeting

Law

- (vii) Any other correspondence
- (a) Correspondence from residents regarding item 6(ii) 33 Green Street

This correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed along with the plans under item 6(ii)

(b) Amendment to S/0133/13/FL - change to access details

Previously circulated and noted.

(c) Notice of planning decision for S/2011/12/VC - non material change to garages - granted.

Previously circulated and noted

(d) Notice of Putting Communities First conference

It was agreed not to send a representative.

9. To decide date of next meeting

To be decided.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm