

WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Willingham Parish Council held on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 7:30pm, in the Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street Willingham.

Present:

Councillors: Harris, Watson, McKee, Todd, Rogers

Parishioners: Four

Clerk: Mandy Powell

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Law due to personal commitments

2. Declarations of interest

None declared

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

A resident of Church Street raised concerns regarding item 6(i). He commented that the application appeared to be for another traveller site which the village already had a sufficient number. He also expressed concerns regarding issues the current tenant was experiencing. The Chair confirmed that the Council had been made aware of the tenant's issues and these had been escalated to District Councillor Handley who had been liaising with them.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2021

Councillor McKee proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Councillor Watson, and **agreed** with four votes in favour and one abstention due to not being at the meeting.

5. To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

None raised.

6. Planning Applications for consideration

(i) S/2442/19/FL – The Piggery, Haden Way, Willingham – the use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 1 gypsy pitch together with day room ancillary to that use – amendment – extended red line boundary to connect to highway and certificate D served.

Councillor Harris proposed the Council recommend refusal for the following reasons, seconded by councillor Todd, and **agreed** unanimously:

- The land added in the application does not appear to be owned by the applicant, has always been used as a public access and is an unlit and rutted road.
- The site still remains in an unsustainable location as detailed by SCDC in their refusal in 2017 (S/1935/17/FL) and the planning appeal inspectorate dismissal in 2018 (APP/W0530/2/18/3198751).
- The applicants support letter mentions children accessing the site and the Council have concerns for their safety given its location and access.
- The application is for an additional gypsy/traveller site. Willingham already has more than an adequate supply of sites in the village and the most recent of which (Alwyn Park) had three pitches approved and does not appear to be fully occupied. Alwyn Park is located approximately 200 metres from the site.
- The site is located outside of the village envelope and separate from other established sites located on the East side of the village. The Parish Council and SCDC have always objected to sites located on the West side.
- The covering letter states that the land has been previously developed. This is not the case; the land has only ever been used for agriculture.
- The Council would request that this application is passed to SCDC committee for consideration.

7. Planning applications (for information only)

None received.

8. Correspondence

(i) To receive correspondence regarding S4441/18/RM. 64 houses Haden way Willingham and consider any response/actions

Councillors Harris and P King attended a recent meeting with developers, SCDC and residents to discuss the concerns raised. Various correspondence had been received since the meeting which had been noted. It was agreed to defer this to full council on the 3rd of November for consideration.

Action: November Council meeting

(ii) Any Other Correspondence

Notification of local plan consultation from Greater Cambridge Planning and consider any response

Correspondence had been received along with an invite to attend a Webinar on the subject on the 4th November. Councillor Todd agreed to attend.

Action: B Todd

9. Items for future meetings

- 21/04538/FUL – 8 Westmeadow Close, Willingham – conversion and single storey front extension to existing garage to form an annex ancillary to the main house.

10. To decide date of next meeting.

2nd November 2021

Meeting closed at 19:56