

## WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Willingham Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:30pm, in the Parish Council office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham.

### Present:

Councillors: Harris, Law, Watson

Parishioners: None

Clerk: Mandy Powell

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### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor McKee due to a personal commitment.

### 2. Declarations of interest

None declared

**3. Public forum (*maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes*) All parishioners wishing to speak and who are on the Electoral register, must make their name known to the Clerk prior to commencement of the meeting. Maximum of five people to speak. Large groups will need to decide on a spokesperson representative.**

None present

### 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Councillor Watson proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Councillor Harris, and **ratified** with two 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 19 December 2022, not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

None raised.

### 6. Planning Applications for consideration.

(i) 22/04011/FUL – The Bungalow, Haden Way, Willingham, Mr Rooney – replacement dwelling following demolition of existing - additional information has been submitted.

Councillor Harris proposed the Council object to the application, reiterating their previous objections and adding the following:

At the time the Piggery became redundant the Council would under normal circumstances have recommended that the bungalow be demolished. However, at the time it had a long-term tenant in place, so this was not practicable. The tenant is no longer living at the property and the Piggery is no longer functioning and therefore there is no need for a bungalow to be on the site which is located outside the village envelope (as reinforced by the Inspectorate's comments during his refusal of the appeal for application S1935/17/FL). The Council would also ask SCDC to check the ownership of the pathway from the Piggery to Haden Way as they are not certain that the applicant is the owner as stated in his application. Seconded by Councillor Law and **ratified** unanimously.

(ii) 22/03760/FUL – Highfield, Station Road, Longstanton – erection of new office building with landscaping and re-arranged parking following demolition of existing offices.

This was a duplication of the application considered at the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and was therefore not considered at this meeting.

(iii) 22/04940/FUL – Everetts Field, Meadow Road, Willingham, Mr P Smith – change of use of land to use as residential caravan site with a total of 5 no caravans, including no more than 2 static caravans, together with laying of hard standing, erection of dayroom and access improvements.

Councillor Watson proposed the Council object to the application for the following reasons:

- The applicant already lives on an existing site and has done for a number of years, clearly demonstrating security of tenure.
- The site is outside the village envelope
- Willingham already has a large number of traveller pitches including the relatively recent additions of Alwyn Caravan Park and Haden Way.
- The site is situated in an open rural landscape and to permit development would be in breach of SCDC Local Plan Policy NH/2 protecting and enhancing landscape character.
- The Cambridge, Kings Lynn, Peterborough and West Suffolk Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation assessment (2016) identified that between period 2016-2036, 20 pitches were needed for Gypsies and Travellers that meet the new definition under the Planning Policy Traveller sites (DCLG 2015) within the District. The assessment identified that this need could be met within existing sites or on pitches that had yet to be built. The assessment concluded that no new sites were required in the district for Gypsy and Travellers for the plan period.
- The Council would request that if the officer was minded to approve, then this application be passed to committee for consideration.

This was seconded by Councillor Law and **ratified** unanimously.

#### **7. Correspondence**

None received.

#### **8. Items for future meetings**

None raised.

#### **9. To decide date of next meeting.**

To be decided.

*Meeting Closed at 20:15*