

Minutes of the Meeting of the Extra Waltham Parish Council held in the Waltham Library on Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Woodliff (Chairman), Barratt, Conolly, Gordon, Kiddle-Bailey, Moss, Sadler, Shaw and Teanby. Ward Councillor I Colquhoun, 24 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

15.01.2017 Declarations of Interest:

(a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

None

(b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

None.

16.01.2017 To receive any apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting:

Apologies were received from Councillors Archer, Gilliatt and Surtees.

17.01.2017 Open Forum Under Suspension of Standing Order No 21:

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to suspend Standing Order number 21 so that residents were able to speak. Items will be listened to and if appropriate will be taken into consideration under the relevant agenda heading. The Chairman reiterated to the public that the Parish Council will listen to comments made both for and against the development before making its decision.

A statement was read out on behalf of the Waltham Residents Action Group outlining the concerns of residents over the proposed plans to build a development of 194 dwellings on land at Brigsley Road.

The statement said that they felt the development site was not suitable for housing as it was a Greenfield site, the exit is close to dangerous bends and the noise and light pollution from the site with impact on the owners of the existing properties in this area. The site is also considered by the group as a high risk flood area as residents gave their accounts over flooding experiences of the village in the past. This land was also considered to be part of the strategic gap for the village.

Concerns were raised by residents over the lack of facilities in the village to accommodate the extra residents and traffic this development would produce, such as, no extra school places, limited parking, and lack of health facilities for residents and that the Waltham Fire Station has been downgraded to a small fire unit.

Residents also wished to express concern over the wildlife that currently inhabits this land and the loss of their natural habitat.

A resident explained that the Waltham Community Led Plan was produced in order to allow residents to have a say on how the village would look in the future, the residents present urged the Parish Council to support them in refusing this application.

Mr Ibbotson of Cyden Homes responded stating that as the new Local Plan has now been submitted to government this should be the plan referred to when making any proposals. In this plan it states that there will need to be 12,500 homes built in the borough – 569 of these are to be in Waltham. Mr Ibbotson agreed that this is a Greenfield site; however there are plans to accommodate the existing wildlife within the development by 350 extra trees in a woodland, pond, meadow gardens, extra hedgerows, bat, swift and swallow boxes. Drainage problems due to poor maintenance has meant that this land has experienced flooding in the past, however a

future management plan for the ditch and oversized pipes to store water will eliminate this from happening in the future. The foul system is to be pumped to an existing foul sewer connected to the Norman Corner pumping station, then onto Cleethorpes via Grove Lane booster station, separate from the village foul sewer infrastructure. A contribution of £489,000 will be made towards primary education for the area and another sum towards secondary education. The site entrance proposal is similar to Marian Way which services 180 homes on a single access but in this application emergency vehicle access will be better catered for with a 3mt walkway next to the road to be used if required. A highway survey indicated that there is adequate sight line from the bend before this access.

Having allowed adequate time to hear both for and against arguments, the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

18.01.2017 Planning:

(a) *Planning applications received and to be considered:*

1. DM/1167/16/FUL Land at Brigsley Road, Waltham

Hybrid application to include Full Planning for 194 dwellings (houses and bungalows) and an Outline application to erect 5 detached dwellings with associated works including foul pumping station, landscaping, public open space, parking areas and garaging.

RESOLVED: Waltham Parish Council recommended refusal of this application for the reasons below:

Whilst it was appreciated that the developer had made significant efforts to communicate with neighbouring properties and have adapted their plans on several occasions to accommodate residents' concerns, however it was felt by the Parish Council that this application still gives rise for concern and that further modifications to the application could have been included.

Traffic Impact -

The Parish council are concerned that this development is a single point access only, resulting in all traffic movements entering and exiting onto Brigsley Road in close proximity to double bends.

An increase of significant traffic movements on Brigsley Road will inevitably lead to more traffic using Westfield Road as a 'rat run' to avoid the congestion at the village centre.

This Parish Council felt that an additional access onto Barnoldby Road could be an advantage and significantly reduce the traffic movement at the Brigsley Road entrance and alleviate the expected rat run through Westfield Road.

There is no proposal in the application to assist in any way with any improvement to the cycle /pedestrian pathway through the village. The current conflict between pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in the village centre, will be more compromised with increased traffic movements.

The Parish Council were also concerned that there are no reports or observations from the NELC highways team on matters of impact and safety. The Parish Council are aware, following a recent meeting, of concerns by NELC highways officers of shortfalls at the recent upgrade of the double mini roundabouts in the village and would welcome the officers' comments over this large scale application and the traffic impact this would create at these roundabouts.

Infrastructure-

Large scale developments of this nature have a significant impact on a village infrastructure. Waltham currently has no primary school places as the school is at

capacity, currently there is no healthcare provision provided for residents. Parking within the village is so restricted that businesses in the village are losing custom to other areas.

Public Transport-

The plan presented fails to take advantage of the opportunity to develop a walk to bus route, possibly via improvements/upgrades to a section of Footpath 72, giving access to the bus terminus on Barnoldby Road. The current proposal imposes a walking distance of up to 1.6km to the nearest bus stop and even further to the current local primary school.

Housing type-

There are large double storey garages, the style of which are of a full two storey building, which gives the impression of full height houses, rather than a garage with storage facility within the roof space. The Parish Council have concerns that may see the planning status changed to accommodation in the future. The three storey houses proposed on this plan were considered by the Parish Council to dominate the skyline at the beginning of this development.

Flooding and Drainage-

Whilst the environment agency and drainage engineers have raised no concerns, this Parish Council will always have concerns about the impact that developments will have with regards to surface water flows through the village as it has experienced serious flooding issues in the village centre during periods of heavy rains.

Section 106 –

Councillors noted that the proposed Section 106 agreement does not afford any benefit to the social infrastructure of this parish. Mention is made of educational, affordable housing needs, on site public open space and a small contribution towards highways improvements and the Parish felt that the extra pressure imposed on current provisions would be compromised by such an increase in population.

Cllr Barratt then proposed that the Council suspends Standing Order number 21 to allow further public participation.

RESOLVED: It was voted and agreed to suspend Standing Order number 21.

The Chairman then invited residents to comment on the decision and reasons for refusal to ensure that the Council had not missed out on any detail. The residents merely reiterated points made earlier which had been taken into consideration and aided the Parish Council's decisions.

The Chairman then reconvened the meeting and thanked the public for their attendance and he closed the meeting at 8.30pm.