

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Waltham Parish Council held in  
All Saints Church Hall on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7.00 pm.**

**Present:** Councillors P Woodliff (Chair of Meeting) Barrett, Church, Conolly, Gordon, Kiddle-Bailey, Moss, Reynard, Sadler, Smith and Teanby, 30 members of the public, Ward Councillor P Jackson and the Parish Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the fire procedures in this amended venue.

**14: 12/17 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.

Cllr Gordon declared a Personal Interest in item 17: 12/17 (a)(1) as he had friends who live close to the entrance of the proposed application, however he does not feel this Personal Interest would prejudice his decision in considering this application.

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

None.

The Chairman reminded members that should an interest become apparent further in the agenda this should be declared at the time.

**15: 12/17 To receive any apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Archer, Gilliatt, Shaw and Surtees.

**16: 12/17 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.**

A representative from the Waltham Residents Action Group (WRAG) addressed the Parish Council and expressed their disappointment at the revised plans submitted by Cyden Homes for the Brigsley Road development. The members of the group felt that the applicant did not address any of the issues that have been raised by local residents and they had serious concerns over many aspects of the application including: the increasing crime in the village, the inclusion of Footpath 72 through the development, the site being only one mile away from an Area of Natural Beauty, there being no evidence to alleviate flooding concerns made by the neighbouring properties, the massive impact of the traffic on the centre of village and the single point of access for approximately 400 vehicles leaving this development on a daily basis. Members of WRAG were most concerned that the traffic documentation submitted by the developers did not appear to be bespoke to Waltham and just a re-written generic report, and questioned the accuracy of the assessment made. WRAG does not feel that this development addresses the local housing needs and they feel that this site is not sustainable, suitable or safe for development and other options for the land should be investigated.

A resident wished to express his concern over Footpath 72 and the possibility of years of obstruction, closure and disruption to the newly opened public footpath by this development being built.

The WRAG Chairman asked why Councillor Archer was not in attendance. The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Archer and Surtees have offered their apologies as they have always declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the application for Brigsley Road. Councillor Shaw was ill and Councillor Gilliatt was working. The WRAG Chairman went on to raise several questions over Councillor Archer's ownership of the land and wished to request a statement from Mr Archer as to that ownership and he felt that this proposal should be two separate applications and not a single hybrid application.

Another resident wished to express concern that the developers have not been consistent in their plans and added a two storey property at the rear of his bungalow.

A resident felt that insufficient efforts had been made by the developer to assist with cycling, parking and traffic movement in the village.

Councillors noted the comments made by attendees.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

### **17: 12/17 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 due to the following reasons:**

**The Parish Council do not feel that this amended application has addressed the previous concerns raised by the Parish Council (see comments submitted online 31st January 2017).**

**The Parish Council still have great concern over the single point of access for this development and unlike Marian Way, almost every one of the 350+ vehicles exiting this site will be adding to the already pressurised village centre on a daily basis.**

**The close proximity of the entrance to the Brigsley Road bends and side entrance to the small existing development was considered, due to the speed of traffic travelling around this bend into Waltham, to be extremely dangerous and by allowing a high volume traffic access at this location the Parish Council foresee a number of serious accidents.**

**By allowing this development in its current form, it was felt that having spent a great deal of time and money the Local Authority will allow Footpath 72 to become a suburban walk, boxed in by fencing, rather than the lovely countryside walk that was originally intended.**

**The Parish Council does not feel that the flooding concerns have been addressed as the pumping station on site is to take foul water and not to disperse the standing water this development will create.**

**The developers have not addressed the neighbouring residents' concerns as there are still two storey houses that back onto existing bungalows and the inclusion of two storey garages makes the development appear over intensive and very intrusive entering the site.**

**It was noted that the developers have included a suggestion of a bus stop on Brigsley Road, however as the bus only comes twice per day it was felt that this was insufficient for the residents of this new development and thinking about the future and how this development will serve its residents in years to come, there are no electric points for car recharging included in these plans.**

**It was strongly agreed that the Section 106 agreement does not provide a sufficient contribution towards the local infrastructure or any of the village needs (i.e. cycle path extension, extra car parking in the village etc.) and without ensuring that the developer makes an adequate contribution for the costs of the improvements needed to minimise the impact of this development on the village, this cost will eventually fall to the Local Authority to fund.**

**Does NELC have the funds to provide extra car parking in the village for the residents of this development, as it is too far for them to walk with their local shopping and parents need to park to take their children to and from school, as it is too far for them to walk, especially in the rain, from this development?**

**Does NELC have the money to extend the cycle track so that cyclists from this development can cycle safely into the village without the need to negotiate the heavy traffic on the High Street where there is no cycle path?**

**Why should the Local Authority have to fund these basic requirements for the residents of this new development? The Section 106 agreement for this site does not adequately meet the needs of the village improvements required to support this proposed development.**

**With all the concerns raised above Waltham Parish Council therefore objects to this amended planning application.**

The Clerk explained what could happen next if the developers pursue this amended application. This application would be considered at a North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) Planning Committee meeting, where members have to vote for or against the application. If it is recommended refusal by NELC then the developer can, if he chooses, take the application to appeal, however if the application is approved by NELC then there is no appeal process for the residents or Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed to suspend the meeting to allow the residents who wished to leave time to exit the meeting room. The Chairman of WRAG asked if his questions over Mr Archer would be addressed at this meeting. The Clerk responded to say this was a planning meeting and requested that the gentleman submit his questions in writing to her at the Parish Office where the Parish Council will respond.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

## **2. DM/1104/17/FUL 35 Westfield Road, Waltham**

Erect single storey extension with front porch and dormer extensions to both sides with associated works.

**RESOLVED: Waltham Parish Council recommended approval of this application.**

The Parish Council ratified the decisions taken and the Chairman wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and with there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.