

**Minutes of the Extra Meeting of the Waltham Parish Council held in All Saints Church  
Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 at 7.00 pm.**

**Present:** Councillors M Archer, Church, Gordon, Moss, Shaw, Surtees and Woodliff, Ward Councillor Nick Pettigrew, 49 members of the public and the Parish Clerk.

**18: 06/18        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 Archer declared an interest on item 21: 06/18 a)1. Land West of Torbay Drive, as he previously owned land that is subject to a large development he feels it is unfair of him to comment on other largescale developments within the village boundary.

Cllr Woodliff declared an interest in item 21: 06/18 a)2. 40 Mill View as he is a direct neighbour. Cllr Gordon declared an interest in the same item as he is a family connection to Cllr Woodliff.

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

None.

**19: 06/18        To receive any apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting.**

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Barrett, Conolly, Gilliatt, Kiddle-Bailey, Reynard, Sadler, Smith and Teanby and Ward Councillor Philip Jackson.

**20: 06/18        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 read out the procedure on the recording of Waltham Parish Council meetings.*

The Chairman stated that as he had declared an interest in the item which many of the residents were here this evening to discuss then he would vacate the chair and moved into the audience.

Vice-Chairman Councillor Moss took the Chair.

Two representatives spoke on behalf of the residents of Torbay Drive, Emfield Road, Boundary Road and surrounding streets. The speakers gave a clear view of the objections against the proposed development and although the developer has reduced the number of homes from 59 to 51, reverted back to the original line for the public right of way and given a clear indication that bungalows only will be situated on the development the residents still felt strongly that the development should not take place on that piece of land. The concerns remained that the land is still so much higher than the existing properties that run off water from the development will cause flooding to the existing houses. The residents felt that little has changed from the last application except they have included two retaining ponds rather than one, the public right of way will be crossed by numerous vehicles on a daily basis and the plan remains outside of the North East Lincolnshire Council Local Plan for development. Residents felt that it is not necessary to “round off an area” just so it looks tidy and the strategic gap between the two settlements should be protected and not chipped away until there is nothing remaining and therefore asked the Parish Council to support their arguments and asked that the Parish Council consider recommending refusal of this application.

Another resident wished to discuss concerns he and his neighbours have over the appeal for 59 Cheapside Waltham. The residents are most concerned that allowing the appeal will have a serious impact on the running of Buck Beck close to their properties. The residents have seen many of the trees removed and feel this will have compromised the beck side in this location. The residents have seen flooding in 2007 and again in 2014 after the beck rose to over 3meters in height. The resident explained that since the beginning of work on this site there have been many breaches in conditions which have resulted in several stop notices being issued on the developer and site. This has left residents with concerns that if this amended development goes ahead the beck will suffer, therefore causing further implications for the neighbouring properties.

Councillor Moss thanked the resident for attending and raising their concerns and explained that the Parish Council would take these matters item under the relevant items on the agenda.

The meeting was reconvened. Cllr Archer left the meeting room.

#### **21: 06/18 Planning.**

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

##### **1. DM/0033/18/OUT Land West of Grimsby Road/Torbay Drive, Waltham**

Outline application for the erection of 51 dwellings and garaging with access, scale, appearance and layout to be considered.

The Parish Council carefully considered this application and the comments made by the speakers in the open forum section of the meeting.

**RESOLVED: Waltham Parish Council recommended refusal of this application**

**The application site is not included in the 2017 Local Plan and was also not included in the 2003 plan (or subsequent revisions) or previously considered as an area suitable for development.**

**The housing allocation for Waltham has already been calculated without this site being considered and to develop this area in what is described as the Scartho development boundary, would lead to the erosion of parochial area of Waltham and reduce the strategic gap between the two settlements.**

**No consideration has been given to the possibility of the extension of the Western Relief Road between the A46 and A16 and should permission be granted this development could have an impact on the deliverability of this road. The gas line and pylons are also a consideration when looking at the future viability of a possible relief road in this area.**

**The Parish Council have concerns that the Public Right of Way would be impacted upon by over 400 vehicle movements a day and we would see what is a lovely rural country walk become another urbanised path with houses, noise and fencing to block it off instead of the natural area currently enjoyed by many walkers. There has still not been any consideration over the loss of wildlife that uses this land as their natural habitat.**

**Flooding of the existing properties in Emfield Road is of particular concern as some gardens already experience flooding from the fields during heavy rainfall, as the land is so high above these properties. The Parish Council feel that the loss of natural land drainage to be replaced with concrete and tarmac run off surfaces will lead to heavier and more frequent flooding of neighbouring gardens and houses. The developers have even added an additional retaining pond and swales to this drawing at the high points on the site, one can only presume this is because the water retention on this site was previously under estimated and have engineered this solution to alleviate flooding from higher land to the new properties, The Parish Council are concerned about the existing houses in Emfield Road.**

**This development would increase the traffic impact significantly on Boundary Road and Torbay Drive, which currently is a small cul-de-sac and not a through road. The Parish Council questioned if the concrete bay roads in this location (not tarmac) would deteriorate rapidly with the high volume of traffic it would experience with the construction of this development then subsequent traffic movement (a minimum of 400 cars per day). The Section 106 agreement does not provide any highways contribution to tackle this issue.**

**Because of the aforementioned reasons Waltham Parish Council recommend refusal of this application.**

The Chairman allowed a short recess for the members of public who wished to leave the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened. Cllr Archer returned to the room and was asked to re-take the Chair.

Cllr Archer in the Chair.

##### **2. DM/0451/18/FUL 40 Mill View, Waltham**

Retrospective application to erect shed to rear of garden.

Cllrs Gordon and Woodliff left the meeting having declared an interest in this application.

**RESOLVED: Waltham Parish Council recommended approval of this application with the condition that the shed shall not be used for commercial use or living accommodation and that should the roof ever need replacing the colour is to remain green, in order to soften the impact on the neighbouring properties.**

Cllrs Gordon and Woodliff returned to the meeting.

**3. DM/0376/18/FUL Grimsby Town Football Club, Cheapside, Waltham**

Change of use of land to site 1 portacabin (Amended Plan – cabin relocated).

**RESOLVED: Waltham Parish Council recommended approval of this amended application with the condition that the adjoining hedge and trees must remain and that the hedge shall be maintained at a minimum height of 3mtrs in order to protect the view of the neighbouring properties.**

**A further condition that the use of the containers is in association with the adjoining sports training ground.**

*b) Planning matters:*

(i) Application DM/0335/18/FUL, 23 Chiltern Drive, Waltham & DM/0313/18/FULA Fairway View, Ings Lane, Waltham have both been approved under delegated powers at NELC. Members noted these NELC decisions.

(ii) Application DM/0735/17/FUL 59 Cheapside Waltham has submitted an appeal to the planning inspector. The Parish Council has until 12<sup>th</sup> July to submit any additional comments in writing it wishes to make to the Planning Inspector.

Members were very concerned by the issues raised; however felt that as time allowed it would be prudent to take this matter to the next full Parish Council meeting. This would allow members to fully digest the extensive documents attached to this appeal and a higher number of Councillors would be present to put forward comments.

**RESOLVED: It was agreed to defer this item on the agenda to the full council meeting being held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018.**

With there being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00pm.