

Over Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Over Parish Council held on 10th January 2017

PRESENT

Chair: Mr G Fenn

Councillors : Mr G Twiss, Mr J Lewis, Mr R Robinson, Mr T Sutton, Mr B Sutton, Mrs P Scrivener, Mr S Couper and Mr B Burling.

Clerk : Mrs L Poulter

In attendance

Parishioners : Seven members of the public were present

County Councillor: None

District Councillors: Cllr Burling

Item

1 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Mr Carr, Mr Friend and Cllr Hudson.

2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Received from Mr Couper in connection with any matters relating to Over Day Centre.

3 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2016

Duly signed. There were no matters arising which were not already included as agenda items

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were in attendance in relation to planning applications. The Chairman proposed the planning applications of interest to those present be considered at this point. This was agreed and representations were invited from the floor.

Mrs Burr De Oliveria Marques who was representing the residents of 26 and 28 Mill Road addressed the meeting, she stated that it was felt that the erection of the proposed dwelling on land at 20 Mill Road would be an invasion of privacy for both numbers 26 and 28 and would be a serious detriment to the existing street scene. She noted that a previous submission for a similar proposal had been made in 1989 and this had been refused both by the planning authority and at subsequent appeal, quoting from the original appeal decision. She stated that there appeared to have been no material changes from that original application in spite of the applicant's claims within the planning and design statement. She expressed concern that the public notices which should have been posted did not appear to have been posted as yet and was concerned that any representations may therefore not be received in time. Once again she reiterated the strong opposition to this application.

Mr D Proctor, planning agent representing the applicant then addressed the meeting. He stated that the applicant felt this application was a modest size dwelling, taking the form of a bungalow so as to reduce visual impact and the proposed access arrangements being from Mill Road so as to minimise the effect on 26 and 28 Mill Road. He stated that the site is of a sufficient size for such a dwelling and proposals were to match materials with number 20 as far as practicable. He expressed disappointment that the pre-planning meeting had referred back to the 30 year old planning decision as there are now provisions in place within the policy framework to encourage good use of sites and promote dwellings which are sustainable. He also noted that the District Council does not currently have a five year housing supply strategy. He noted that the access provisions differed from the original application and that the dwelling had been lowered in height. Mrs Burr De Oliveria Marques asked if she could respond to Mr Proctor's comments and the Chair allowed this. She noted that although the previous appeal had been some 26 years ago this was still relevant and the site they are claiming to "get good use from" is in fact a front garden of an existing dwelling.

S/3547/16/FL-Erection of dwelling and ancillary access arrangements at 20 Mill Road for F Bates-Councillors deliberated on this application. Mr Twiss noted that there were some inconsistencies in the planning and design statement including claims that the access provision had been altered whereas the 1990 Appeal Decision indicated that this had always been the case. He noted that the proposed dwelling would be sited much further forward from all surrounding dwellings. The Pre-Application Advice refers to a suggestion that the dwelling was for a relative, but the Planning and Design Statement indicates that it is intended for the open market. Although there are references to screening from number 20 there is no information as to the height of such screening. Following discussion Mr Twiss proposed we recommend refusal of this application on the grounds of intrusion on the existing street scene and that it would constitute an alien and incongruous element on the street scene. Seconded by Mr T Sutton, 7 for, Mr Burling abstaining and 1 against. Mr Fenn proposed we request this application be referred to the planning committee at the District Council and that Mr Twiss attend this meeting and speak on behalf of the Parish Council, seconded by Mr Couper, 7 for, Mr Burling abstaining and 1 against.

S/1672/16/FL-Re-siting amendment to proposed dwelling at 17 Overcote Road for Mr Hayward. As Ms Farrow was also in attendance this application was also considered at this point. Mr Lewis proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr Robinson, 7 for, 2 abstaining.

5 VILLAGE MATTERS

To receive update relating to the Green and Village issues-Mr Fenn highlighted a few issues raised by Mr Bridgman, namely that the Green hedge is to be cut imminently and the verti draining will also be undertaken as soon as possible. Mr Bridgman is still looking into the possibility of hiring a euorbin and siting it at the school. It was noted that it appeared that the pear trees on the Council land in Chapmans Way had been cut and it was agreed we write to the residents to make them aware that these trees are Council owned. Mr

- 5.1 Couper informed Councillors that he had reported to the County Council that the hedge in New Road running round to Elstow Close was overgrown, however some of this had been cut and he was unsure as to who had done this.
Signage on the Green-Mr Fenn will measure the signage on the Green and then order replacements.
Pavilion Roof repairs- On hold at present.
Fencing for the play area at the Recreation Ground- We have now received the detailed quote and this can now be considered within our budgetary discussions.
Play Equipment refurbishment or renewal-Quotes from Wicksteed and FLP circulated on 8th December to Councillors
Skate park litter bin- Anne and Dave have now met to discuss the role and she has now formally agreed to take on this job.
Long Furlong Bus shelter-BSSR undertook work here to address the instability of the bush shelter but there is now a gap in the hedge, this has been temporarily remedied but we need to look at a longer term solution to this. It was agreed that as the erection of the fence had addressed the security issues raised by the resident and also enables access to the bus shelter for future maintenance there was no need for further action here and we will inform the resident accordingly.
- 6 **MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
- 6.1 **County Council**- Cllr Hudson's update had been circulated to Councillors.
- 6.2 **District Council**- Nothing to report.
- 6.3 **PCSO**-Nothing to report.
- 7 **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS, BUDGET AND PRECEPT**
- 7.1 **To approve payment of outstanding accounts**
It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the invoices and cheques as listed:
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| Clerk's Salary-January | 572.97 |
| Dave Bridgman-Green etc | 238.00 |
| J W Burgess-digger and driver for works at The Gravel | 576.00 |
| Glasdon-Replacement litter bin | 311.48 |
- 7.2 **Receipts**-None received
- 7.3 **Budget/Precept 2017/18**
A draft budgetary document along with the accounts to 31st December 2016 had been circulated to Councillors as part of the agenda papers. Mr Burling noted there may be a need to procure legal advice in relation to our ability to give funds to OCA and Mr Couper stated that it would be possible that the Day Centre may request additional funding. Following some discussion and some additions to the budget, a copy of the final budget is appended to the minutes, Mr Burling proposed we request a precept of £50,000 for the coming financial year, seconded by Mr Fenn. Unan.
- 7.4 **Review of Green and Pavilion user agreement and pitch fees**
Mr Twiss had amended the agreement and this had been circulated to Councillors. Mr Couper asked if we should send the revised agreement to clubs prior to approval by the Council but this was not thought to be necessary. The revisions were agreed and Mr Fenn proposed these be accepted and incorporated, seconded by Mr Twiss, 8 for, 1 abstention
- 8 **PLANNING**
- 8.1 **S/3315/16/FL**-Single storey rear extension and alterations to door and window openings at 10 High Piece Crescent for P Mason. Mr Lewis proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr Robinson, unan.
S/3469/16/FL-Partial demolition of single storey rear extension and construction of enlarged rear extension and 2 dormer windows to front elevation at 59 High Street for D Carman. Mr Lewis proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr T Sutton, unan.
S/3477/16/RM-Application for approval of all reserved matters re parcel H2 phase 1 Northstowe for BDW Eastern Counties, for information only.
S/3588/16/PN-Installation of communications tower, antennas and ground based apparatus at Over STW, Furtherford for Wireless Infrastructure Group, for information only.
S/3423/16/FL-Erection of two dwellings and associated garage arrangements on land South West of 4 King Street for Trojan Homes (Cambridge) Ltd. Mr T Sutton signed the declaration of interest book. Mr Twiss noted there was no provision for vehicles to be able to turn on site and therefore vehicles would not be able to enter and exit the site in forward gear as is usually required in the interests of highway safety. This also appeared to be an overdevelopment of the site. Following further discussion Mr Lewis proposed "no objections" seconded by Mr Couper. 3 for, 4 against, Mr T Sutton and Mr Burling both abstaining. Mr Twiss proposed we recommend refusal on the grounds that this would be an overdevelopment of site and that there is no provision for turning on site, seconded by Mr Fenn, 4 for, 3 against, Mr T Sutton and Mr Burling both abstaining. It was agreed we would not request this application be referred to the District Council's planning committee.
- 8.2 **Permissions**- None received.
- 8.3 **Refusals**-The District Council have refused permission for the erection of two dwellings to the rear of 45 High Street
- 8.4 **Appeals**-None received
- 9 **MERIDIAN LINE**
Nothing to report.
- 10 **PARISH BOUNDARY**

Celebrations-Nothing to report

Willingham-Over Boundary Review

Kirstin Donaldson from the District Council will be coming to our February meeting to present information about the Community Governance Review regarding the parish boundary with Willingham.

11 **REGISTRATION OF LAND UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARISH**

There had been some minor issues raised in respect of the land at the War Memorial but these have now been resolved.

12 **VILLAGE BEACON**

This is in hand.

13 **UPDATES FROM PC REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

Fishing Club-It has been reported that access to Overcote is now quite difficult due to the state of the road, we will request some planeings later on in the year.

OCA-A copy of the accounts should be received soon. The agreement with the brewery has been renegotiated and this should result in some cost savings. The committee are looking at possible grants.

Over Town Lands-Nothing to report.

Over News-Nothing to report. Barrier bank-An item had been drafted for the Over News and the Headmaster of the Primary school is going to schedule a local history week to coincide with the celebrations.

Wings for Life-Public meeting-an article publicising this has been put in the Over News.

14 **OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

Litter around New Road Cemetery-We have received reports of an increase in litter in this area, it may be necessary to erect a bin in the area but we will monitor and assess the need first.

Resident enquiry-A resident asked if it would be possible for her to organise some floral tribute on behalf of the Village to send to Mrs Bond, she is happy to pay for them. It was thought it would be more fitting if suggest she contact the Over Day Centre committee to ask if they would like to be involved as she was involved with the Day Centre in its early days.

15 **REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR COMING MEETING**

Church End Pond site, presentation on Community Governance Review, review of Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations.

Next meeting dates: Full Council – Tuesday 14th February 2017

The meeting closed at 9.59pm
Chairman