

FILBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Planning Meeting at 6.00 pm. on Friday 18 January, 2019 in Clubroom

A minute's silence was observed in respect of the late Mr. David Thompson M.B.E. who served this Council and Village Hall Committee as Chairman for many years.

Present: Mr. A. Thompson, Mr. P. Hudson, Mr. P. Chapman, Mr. D. Nicker, Mr. H. Thirtle (GYBC/BA/GYBC), Mr. D. Balls (Clerk), and 26 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr. J. Baldry, Mr. D. Shaw, and Mrs. L. Elms

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest

3. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council received one application only for the position of Parish Councillor vacated by the late David Thompson M.B.E. This application was received from Mr. Derek Nicker who was duly proposed by Mr. Adrian Thompson, seconded by Mr. Percy Hudson and unanimously agreed that Mr. Nicker's application to serve on the Parish Council be accepted.

4. PUBLIC TIME ASSOCIATED WITH 06/18/0726/O & 06/18/0727/O – Proposed Residential Development at Filby Hall for Mr. C. Rapley

All of the issues raised are covered and included in the Parish Council's objections to this proposal.

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

The Chairman, Adrian Thompson presented an update on the position regarding the planning application submitted by Mr. M. Chapman for a 17 unit residential development off Pound Lane

(a) Planning Applications:

(i) 06/18/0726/O & 06/18/0727/O – erection of 7 and 4 residential units at Filby Hall for Mr. C. Rapley – proposed by Mr. A. Thompson, seconded by Mr. P. Hudson and unanimously agreed to "object" to these proposals on the following grounds:

- The slowing, stopping and turning traffic generated by these proposals on a busy main road would be detrimental to the safety and free flow of other road users, especially opposite a busy accesses to the new village hall, clubhouse building and playing field, and 10 other accesses on the section of road from Church Lane and Thrigby Road
- The proposal would involve the removal of some nearby mature trees which are protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
- The access to the site has poor visibility and is adjacent to existing accesses in particular the access to 7 unit approved proposed development for Mr. Gray which in turn would result in hazardous conditions for both parties leaving and exiting the sites in question.
- The proposal for 11 extra dwellings here would not enhance the character of Filby.
- The site of this proposal is outside the Village Development Area within this parish and as the parish of Filby has already, in the last 4 years accommodated some 38 extra built dwellings and an outstanding 24 with planning permission in the parish which represents an increase of 19.8 % which is more than the 5% Core Strategy Target and more than the latest Draft Plan's windfall number, then it is unacceptable to permit more residential development within this parish outside the Village Development Area.
- The site falls within the "Trinity Broad SSSI Impact Risk Zone" and all planning applications for residential development of 10 units or more are likely to have an impact on this protected site which. The Draught Local Plan specifically states that Filby House is to be omitted from development especially recognizing its contribution to the character of the village as a visual amenity. The Local Plan Core Strategy policy CS10 states that where development is detrimental to a heritage asset like Filby Hall, the adjacent Orangery, and walled garden then on all of these grounds the applications 06/18/0726/O and 06/18/0727/O should be refused.
- There is inadequate provision in the plans to provide the ecological requirements and habitat for the various insect and animal species in the grounds of this application and surrounding woodland

(ii) 06/18/0709/F – single-storey front and side extension at "Russvon", Main Road for Mr. & Mrs. Popey – proposed by Mr. P. Hudson, seconded by Mr. P. Chapman and unanimously agreed to offer "no objections" to this proposal.

6. A.O.B.

(i) Letter received from Mr. Jonathan Walshe requesting street lighting at Filby Bridge which he currently considers dangerous due to the angle of the bridge. Following the Clerk's request to the Highways' Department's Lighting Section their response was that their policy, which was adopted in 2015 is that unless there was considered to be a highway safety need then this is not a situation NCC would typically consider.

It was also pointed out that it is important to note that street lighting is a power and not a statutory duty, and as such local authorities and parish councils do have powers to provide street lighting on adopted highways.

The parish Council considered and debated these comments and decided unanimously that they would not be interested in providing more lighting on this section of road especially when there are narrow road and bridge signs on both approaches to the bridge.

The Clerk will write to Mr. Walshe explaining our decision and the reasons why.

(ii) Following complaints regarding the withdrawal of the “Our Hire” bus service from the village the Clerk was requested to write to Norfolk County Council explaining the difficulties parishioners now have in travelling to Norwich, Great Yarmouth and other local urban He was also asked if the X1 service which only runs through the village once each day could be increased to three per day which would help those desperately need better travelling facilities to and from vital surrounding urban communities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.29 pm.