

Rocklands Parish Council (RPC)
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held in Rocklands Village Hall
7.00pm on Monday 9th November 2015

Present: David Howie Chair
Nicola Southgate Vice-Chair
David Witt
Shirley Colenutt
Cath Jones
David Roberts
Ian Scholes
Kim Austin Clerk

Also present: 19 members of the public.

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from District Cllr. Bill Smith who was unable to attend due to family issues.

2. To record declarations of interest from members in any items on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve the minutes of the last council meeting on Monday 7th Sept 2015

RESOLVED to approve the minutes that had been circulated prior to the meeting as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair, Cllr. David Howie.

4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes (7/9/15), not on the agenda

There were no matters arising.

5. To adjourn the meeting for public participation

Meeting adjourned at 19.10 and opened to the public.

There were no comments from the public. The meeting re-opened at 19.11pm.

6. Anchor Corner

Cllr. Howie mentioned the incident at Lombard House, Anchor Corner which is in the Rocklands Parish (Although most of Anchor Corner is in Little Ellingham). RPC are very concerned about this incident. It was not possible to discuss the incident further as it was in the hands of the police and believed to go to court. The police had advised that RPC should not speak to those at Lombard House.

7. Local Plan update by Richard Golke

An Ad Hoc meeting was held on 11th October 2015 to discuss the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Rocklands. The committee of 7 enthusiastic volunteers is made up of: Al Bainbridge, Richard Golke, Richard Harrison, Michael McArthur, Harold Neale, Paul Rutter and David Witt. It was noted there were no women on the committee. Other volunteers could be seconded in as and when required. It was agreed this committee was very brave to take this on and there was a round of applause.

Minutes had been produced from this meeting, a spreadsheet and summary points had been produced after a brainstorming session. It was hoped that residents would comment (both good and bad) and offer more ideas as the list is by no way definitive. It is a collective exercise, engaging with as many people as possible with a view to deciding what the community wants. It will indicate sites of housing

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development. It will look at under-utilised land that could be used for other commercial purposes. It has to go to a referendum organised by Breckland Council and has to gain approval from more than 50% of the people. This is a very big exercise and is subject to independent audit. Have to show how all ideas have been taken on. There would be a six week consultation period after which the Plan would hopefully be approved. From start to finish there could be 6-8 months work to get up and running. Funding is available if needed. Can use consultants and the Local Authority are obliged to assist in drafting the plan. Cllr. Howie confirmed that this was a collective enterprise and that the Parish Council would be the authority to approve the work and the plan. He asked for formal approval of the 7 volunteers on the new committee and this was ratified. Cllr. Howie was in agreement with all the work done so far. A letter of application had been drafted to be sent to Breckland Council. Cllr. Howie apologised for not having sent this letter already. He approved the content of the letter which was duly signed. The Clerk would email and post to Breckland Council.

ACTION. Clerk to email and post letter to Breckland Council.

8. To report on Finance

The Clerk delivered the financial report.

8.1 Financial position

The bank account balances as at Monday 9th Nov 2015

Barclays Community Account	£	4354.75
Barclays Saver (Reserve) Account	£	702.45
TOTAL as per bank	£	5057.20

8.2 Money in since last meeting

24/9/15	Precept - Breckland Council	£	2667.95
	TOTAL IN	£	2667.95

8.3 Cheques out (to sign)

CHQ 557	Rockland Village Hall (Hall Hire for meetings.)	£	77.00
	TOTAL OUT	£	77.00

8.4 Standing Orders

Kim Austin	Clerk's wages
Pearce and Kemp	Street lighting
e.On	Electricity

Notes from the Clerk:

Precept needs to be discussed and Form B needs to be completed and returned to Breckland Council by 31st January 2016. Figures can be finalised at the January meeting. The Clerk will circulate information on last year's precept, expenditure for the year and expected spend for the coming year.

9. To consider planning applications.

9.1 Planning outcomes since last meeting

3PL/2015/0518/F **Annison/White Hart/7 Bungalows (64) REVISED to 4 - SEE (80) pending**
 3PL/2015/0640/F **BAINBRIDGE Land South of Spinney - Dwelling and Garage (73) PERMISSION**
 3PL/2015/0878/F **Annison/Moorfield Annex - Change of use (77) REFUSAL**
 3PL/2015/0682/F **Kerry Foods/Little Ellingham - Factory extension (78)**
REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMITTEE 19th October 2015 - PERMISSION

9.2 Planning pending outcomes

3AG/2014/0019/AG **Bidmead/Tuppins Farm/ Extension to existing agri building - (53)**
 Still says **PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

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3PL/2015/0678/F **IRWIN/DAVIDSON** Bell Lane - Free range chicken unit (74)
3PL/2015/0384/F **Paske**/Land Chapel Street - **10 new dwellings** (62R/75) **RESUBMITTED**
3PL/2015/0815/F **Barham**/5 The Street - replacement dwelling (76) **GONE TO APPEAL**

9.3 New applications since last meeting

3PL/2015/1081/F **Tony & Sue Abbey**/Anchor Villa - Barn to dwelling (79)

Discussed between meetings - Agreed **NO OBJECTION** but now **WITHDRAWN**

3PL/2015/0518/F **Annison**/White Hart/NOW 7 (64) **REVISED** to 4 dwellings (80)

REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMITTEE 16th November 2015

White Hart. The Planning Officer's comments were reviewed. He had agreed the development was outside the boundary and was back fill and had also agreed with many of the other points raised as concerns. There was confusion therefore as to why he would still recommend approval of this application. Access problems had been ignored and highways had not objected despite serious highway/congestion/visibility problems. The Planning Officer said they could deal with any flooding caused elsewhere but seemed to miss the point that this may not just be water but sewerage too.

The revised plan was for 4 dwellings instead of 7. It was thought the 4 dwellings had been squeezed into a smaller space and that a further application may follow for more dwellings in the future.

The pub had been registered as a Community Asset and it was felt that demolition of the toilets was not appropriate and may not even result in releasing the extra space required. The officer had commented that there was 'some' loss of rural character when in fact he was supporting the bridleway being widened and surfaced and mixing cars with horses.

Requests to speak must be made by Friday 13th Nov by 16.00hrs

Note: Very little time is given over to speakers who would be drawn from the following: Victoria McCarthur, David Howie, Nickie Southgate, Harold Neale, Paul Ritter, Peter Rushton and hopefully District Cllr. William Smith. Speakers agreed to meet up to plan who would say what to maximise impact and make the best use of the allocated time slots. It was noted that the 'elected' planning committee would have the final say on the day. It was stressed that as many people as possible should turn up at the Planning Committee meeting as this makes a big difference/impact and can only support the cause.

3PL/2015/0986/F **Annison**/Moorfield/Mount Pleasant - Retrospective conservatory (81)

Discussed between meetings - Agreed **NO OBJECTION**

3PL/2015/1173/F **Amy Gray**/Mon Arch land adjacent - Dwelling & Garage (82) **10th Nov.**

Agreed **NO OBJECTION** despite being a large property built on a small site, Noted that the site had previously been a pit.

9.4 New applications since agenda issued

0967 Pet Food factory at Snetteron - Referred to planning committee 16th Nov.

9.5 4 Rectory Road

Cllr. Howie had met with Donna Norton of Flagship Housing and Ashley and Glyn Hawes of 4 Rectory Road in respect of the intended structure in the rear garden that was to be used to house and restore a lorry. The structure would be wood and corrugated iron and of considerable size. Because some trees and hedging had been removed it had exposed the garden and made the structure clearly visible from the street. Flagship said they would talk to Breckland for their views. Cllr. Howie asked the Clerk to complete the online form with the facts for potential breach of planning as there was a possibility that the structure may need planning permission.

ACTION. Clerk to complete online form for potential breach of planning.

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10 To update on telephone boxes

Al Bainbridge has been trying in vain to get the electricity disconnected from the phone box at Mount Pleasant without any success to date.

11 To update on Home Watch

A PCSO was in attendance. He had come to warn of a recent spate of trailer thefts in the area (4 in the last few weeks) and asked that people be extra vigilant.

Home Watch A few more volunteers have signed up. They might arrange a property marking session.

12 To update on Village Shop and Post Office

The shop now has four managers and things are running smoothly.

13 To update on Trees/Warden

A tree has been cut down on the corner of Mill Lane.

14 To update on Playing Fields

Nothing to report.

15 To update on Highways

Potholes have been filled in Wayland Road and a grip had been dug out near Cllr. Jones.

16 To update on Flooding

There had been surface water on roads and Low Lane but had all drained away. Karen Roseberry and David Witt both have photographic evidence of flooding in the past in case it should be required. Cllr. Howie had visited the duck pond and it was empty.

17 To discuss any correspondence

The Clerk had received a letter regards small school reviews. Rocklands is considered a small school (with 73 pupils). The Governors had already completed a detailed questionnaire. Dave Jones provided a letter for reference so that the Parish Council could write a letter of support for Rocklands Primary School.

18 AOB - To receive items for next agenda

19 Date of next Meeting

Monday 4th January 2016, 7pm, Rockland's Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm.

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