

Burgh Castle Parish Council

Chairman: Trevor Greenacre Vice Chairman: Bob Grimmer

Minutes from the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 24th May 2018 at Burgh Castle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs T. Greenacre (Chair), W. Griffiths, J. Hogg, P. Carter, B. Swan, K. Palmer (Clerk), and 20 members of the public including Borough Cllrs Drewitt and Lawn and County Cllr Smith.

With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.00pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Grimmer and Nichols. To accept the apologies Proposed Cllr Swan, Seconded Cllr Griffiths. All In Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Carter declared an interest in planning application C/6/2013/6007

Cllr Griffiths and County Cllr Smith declared an interest in planning application 06/18/0247/F

3. PLANNING

06/18/0247/F Cherry Tree Holiday Park, Mill Road, Burgh Castle

Expansion to existing park, 107 caravan bases

Mr S. Nichols the Architect representing the Cherry Tree Holiday Park application gave a brief report outlining the application. It was stated the area in question would house top of the range caravans with verandas and parking spaces. A landscaped area (tree belt 12 meters deep) will be developed which would act as a barrier between the site and High Road.

Several members of the public expressed concern over the following issues:

-Would the existing drainage infrastructure be able to cope with the increased volume of sewage that this amount of new holiday homes would produce?

-Concerns about the increase in volume of noise that would effect in particular Mill Road/High Road residents.

-It was stated a 6ft fence would be needed around the site to prevent holiday makers trespassing on neighbouring private property. Mr Nichols agreed this suggestion will be passed back to the applicants for consideration, and if agreed will be added to the application.

-Major concern regarding the increased volume of traffic the development would generate. The roads in the village already struggle with the existing volume of traffic, and also vehicles that speed.

-It was suggested would Park Dean be prepared to widen the road at the entrance to the park and install a turning space?

-The issue of how well the 11 month occupancy rule is Policed was also questioned.

It was agreed the application must be dealt with by the full Planning Committee and Borough Cllr Lawn stated he would request this.

The vote was taken. To object to the application due to concern on the increased volume of traffic as previously discussed. Yes:4 No:1. The Chairman stated would not object to the application in principle so long as all the Highways/traffic issues are addressed. Carried.

Folkes Plant & Aggregates Ltd Welcome Pit, Butt lane, Burgh Castle

Variation of conditions 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of planning permission reference C/6/2013/6007 to extend working and restoration of the site for a further 5 years until 31 December 2025 and allow changes to the phasing, restoration and aftercare schemes

Mr Philip Green was present at the meeting to outline the details of the application It was explained

the extension of a further 5 years is to allow time to finish restoring the various sections, and includes changes to the islands/peninsulars in the lake.

After discussion concerning the various changes to the application had concluded the vote was taken to decide whether to object to the application.

Representatives from Folkes agreed if the application is successful they will commence with undertaking works to the front access of the site no later than 3 months from the date the decision is made by NCC.

Therefore the vote was taken. To object, Yes:2, No:2, Abstain:1. Therefore the Chairman's casting vote was taken which was not to object to at application on the proviser that the access works is adhered to.

The Chairman voiced disappointment with the lack of interest shown by the the general public concerning the applications.

The Chairman requested the Clerk contact Anglian Water concerning the latest sewage leak on Stepshort.

With no further business the meeting concluded at 7.54pm.