

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Copdock.

Present: Chairman Keith Armes, County Cllr Dave Busby, DC Nick Ridley, DC Barry Gasper, Vice Chairman Mike Watling, Cllr Tina Sutters, Cllr Peter Jones, Cllr Terry Corner, Cllr Chris Coupland, 6x residents, Clerk.

1154/1617 Welcome and Apologies: Chairman Keith Armes opened the meeting at 7.30pm. Apologies: Police no longer attend Parish meetings.

1155/1617 Declaration of Interest: None

1156/1617 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 1 March 2016 were amended under 1143/1516(b) to 'unanimously in favour' then approved and signed as a true record.

1157/1617 Clerks Report inc. Matters Arising – as below.

Cllr Terry Corner has agreed to fit the new litter bin for the bus shelter on the Old London Rd opposite Folly Lane.

Steve Merry, SCC has agreed to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to give an update on the safety project for the Old London Rd. Furthermore, a meeting has been agreed between Mr Merry, Parish Councillors & CC Dave Busby to assess the traffic on the Old London Road at the morning rush hour on Thursday 14 April.

I took a call from a resident who lives on the Old London Rd, concerned at the planning application from Boss Hoggs Cafe. They said the business had, through their solicitors, written to the houses next door advised the application was being sent to the BDC for 15 vehicles and trailers as an operational depot with 'round the clock' operations. Both houses are for sale. All these residents are concerned about the operational hours, particularly as there are lorry/trailer movements at 3.30/4.00am already, on odd occasions. The resident didn't feel they could attend this meeting. I did encourage them to contact to the Babergh DC.

The Casual Vacancy is still unfilled.

1158/1617 Adjournments: The meeting was adjourned at 19.32hrs to receive reports:

- (a) CC Dave Busby: Work on the lights on Old London Rd being completed, will cover junctions but there will be a reduction on the number of lights along this road. Reports received on cars racing on the Old London Rd. Asked for drains to be cleared at the junction of The Street and Chapel Lane. Trees need clearing nr the old telephone box on The Street. Will attend meeting with Steve Merry, SCC re highways/Old London Rd.
- (b) DC Nick Ridley: planning causing fair amount of excitement. East Bergholt development the Secretary of State may be called in, may go to Judicial Review on grounds of Neighbourhood Plan. EBPC would prefer several smaller developments. Sproughton PC unsure re judicial review on Wolsey Grange. BDC Annual Meeting, Peter Burgoyne will take over from NR. Other posts still to be agreed.
- (c) DC Barry Gasper: planning - feels Neighbourhood Plans/Local Plans are disregarded which is disappointing. Dashing for new houses bonus from Government. CCDB - noted it is important for PCs to continue with their own plans if they want to have input.
- (d) Residents: Residents made representation about the planning application for Boss Hoggs Truck Stop. Business will surround property. DC Nick Ridley to speak to planning officer at BDC. Traffic Commissioners - no licence for coaches.

Reconvened 19.48hrs.

1159/1617 Planning:

B/16/00204 The Lodge Residential Home IP8 3JD.

Application of Listed Building Consent - Erection of two-storey link (following removal of single storey link) to provide additional fire escape route.

Comments: Recommend approval.

B/16/00295 2 Wood View, Old London Rd C&W IP9 3JJ.

Erection of two-storey side extension and front porch.

Comments: Recommend approval.

B/16/00263 Boss Hogs Truck Stop, Old London Rd C&W IP8 3JW.

Change of use of land to form extension to existing transport yard and pallet storage, repair and sales area.

*Comments: **Strongly object.** Further loss of agricultural land. Will have a further detrimental effect on two listed properties, which is currently surrounded by unused and derelict vehicles. Further noise and dust pollution. The Parish Council considers this indiscriminate development on this site which can only be to its detriment and to the listed properties it is surrounding.*

B/16/00283 Redwood Barn, The Street, Copdock & Washbrook IP8 3HX.

Erection of an annex and cart lodge.

Comments: Recommend approval.

1160/1617 Financial Matters:

- (a) **RFO Report** – Cllr Peter Jones proposed & Vice Chairman Mike Watling recommended approval by council and minuted. Payments were approved and cheques signed. Cllr Peter Jones proposed & Vice Chairman Mike Watling recommended approval.

1161/1617 Correspondence: none.

1162/1617 Wolsey Grange development/Sproughton Parish Council

Sproughton PC requested financial help to take above planning application to judicial review. It was decided not to help in this instance.

1163/1617: Community-Led Housing Development Plan: Chairman and Council congratulated Cllr Tina Sutters for her work in delivering a survey to every house in the village and Cllr Terry Corner for his work on the document. Surveys are being returned.

1164/1617 Play Equipment Working Group: Cllr Laura Butters sent a survey around Fen View houses for views. Quotes were reported for refurbishing the slide on the Fen View play area, a new safe surface would have to be laid. The cost of new slide would be considerably more.

1165/1617 Casual Vacancy: Position still vacant. All Parish Cllrs to promote vacancy.

1166/1617: Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:

- **MW** - litter pick added to Risk Assessment register under separate form. Inspections needed for each section - MW allocated names next to each section
 - meet with Clerk to draft new T&Cs for allotment site
 - meeting re village hall possible development - 11 April at village hall - BDC rep to attend
 - will attend East Bergholt PC joint meeting
 - floodlights at playing field/football pitch to be taken down
- **CC** - letter in magazine re planning, KA will reply with letter to magazine.

1167/1617 Items for next agenda: none.

1168/1617 Next meeting: 3 May 2016, Lounge, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 20.49hrs.