

## DRAFT

### **Minutes of the Sudborough Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in the Francis Giffin Memorial Hall.**

#### **Present:**

Peter Stephens                      Chairman  
Jenny Innes  
Robert Ellmer  
Hartley Bolton  
Stephen Chamberlin

Richard Reed – Clerk

ENC Cllr. Sylvia Hughes  
NCC Cllr. Wendy Brackenbury

There were no residents in attendance

#### **15/017 Apologies**

There were no apologies

#### **15/018 Residents**

There had been no issues raised by residents.

#### **15/019 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

#### **15/020 Minutes of the meeting held on 22.01.15**

It was proposed by Cllr. Ellmer and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Innes that the minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup>. January 2015, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting.

#### **15/021 Matters arising.**

The Clerk had spoken with NCC's Rights of Way team over the obstruction to FP NU5. Owing to staff changes the team was having to prioritise its workload and this matter was still pending but would be dealt with as soon as possible.

The request for speed boards had been passed to NCC and we are awaiting their availability. Having raised the matter with the Police, the Clerk had been informed that it was not feasible to use other parish councils who operate the Community Speed watch initiative.

#### **15/022 Police Issues**

There had been no report from the Police.

NCC Cllr. Brackenbury said that the theft of catalytic converters was still a concern.

The Clerk had received a Parish Constable Recruitment pack from the Police and this was available from him if required.

#### **15/023 Reports from Other Meetings**

None.

#### **15/024 Street Lighting Update**

There still had been no progress on the completion of the upgrade and the last maintenance payment was still being withheld. Cllrs. Mrs Hughes and Mrs Brackenbury requested the E.ON contact details. **Action: Clerk**

A letter had been received from E.ON stating that the unmetered supply energy rates were to be increased by around 50%. This was the first increase for nine years. The Clerk had made enquiries over entering into a contract arrangement with E.ON but given the relative low usage, the standing charges would make this more expensive.

#### **15/025 Web Site**

Following discussions over the creation of a web site for the Parish Council, Cllr. Chamberlin offered to look at options. Details of the sections required are to be passed to Cllr. Chamberlin. **Action: Clerk**

### **15/026 The Parish Council**

Cllr. Bolton questioned the value of the Parish Council given its costs and the benefits that it gives to the community. He felt that the risks that councillors are exposed to are disproportionate to the returns. Following a debate on this matter, Cllr. Bolton proposed that consideration be given to (i) stay as a Parish Council; (ii) a change to a parish meeting; or (iii) combine with another parish council. This was seconded by Cllr. Chamberlin with Cllr. Ellmer in agreement and Cllr. Mrs Innes against. The Clerk is to contact Danny Moody at NCALC to ascertain the advantages and disadvantages of such a change. **Action: Clerk**

### **15/027 Correspondence**

Items of correspondence received following the last meeting were considered by the Members.

It was agreed that Carol Hatsell would continue as the Parish Council Representative with the Trustees of the FGMH. **Action: Clerk**

It was decided not to take up BT's offer to adopt the telephone kiosk which is still operational in any case.

### **15/028 Planning Matters**

a) No applications had been received.

b) The following applications had been considered since the last meeting:

#### **14/02372/OUT Demolition of buried reservoir and residential development of 110 houses with access and associated infrastructure at land off Benefield Road and Old Dry Lane, Brigstock.**

As this proposal is outside the Parish, an informal discussion took place between all but Cllr. Bolton and it was agreed to object as follows:

Sudborough Parish Council has 'MAJOR CONCERNS' regarding the above planning application as follows;

The extra strain it would have on infrastructure, including, in particular, school, doctors' surgery, and roads.

Of even greater concern is the possible effect on flooding in Sudborough, which is downstream from Brigstock. Harper's Brook runs parallel with Mill Lane before it goes under Main Street. It then runs parallel with Main Street. Along most of this route the rook is subject to overflowing. Often it overflows the junction of Mill Lane and Main Street. On occasions it has even flooded Main Street in the centre of the village.

We therefore ask that these concerns are given careful thought when determining this planning application.

#### **15/00119/VAR Variation of Condition 4, etc. Priors Hall site, Kirby Lane, Deene, Corby.**

No comments made.

#### **15/00185/FUL 1<sup>st</sup> Floor extension at 29 Main Street, Sudborough.**

Considered by all councillors it was agreed to object to this proposal for the following reasons:

The visual impact is not in keeping with either the conservation area, or the nearby listed buildings.

The proposed dormer windows are completely out of character, as is the roof-line, both to the south and the west aspects.

If you are minded to approve this planning application the Parish Council would like the ridge height to be reduced so that it remains subservient to the main building, and shows a clear distinction between the original building and the extension to it.

The Parish Council would also like to see the slate roof retained so as to maintain the distinction.

The Parish Council also believes that the west gable would be overbearing, either if in brick, or render, due to such a large, featureless surface being in close proximity to the Vane Arms. Stone would at least go some way towards alleviating the problem.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ellmer and seconded by Cllr. Chamberlin that the submitted response be approved. Carried unanimously.

#### **15/00185/FUL 1<sup>st</sup> Floor extension at 29 Main Street, Sudborough. Re-**

**notification.** The amended plans were considered by all but Cllr. Chamberlin and it was agreed to object for the following reasons:

Sudborough Parish Council, having considered the amended plans, have decided that its OBJECTION still stands on the grounds of 'Visual Impact'.

Although the amended plans go some way towards addressing the original objection, the fact remains that, although the single story building is only some hundred plus

years old, its previous uses are part of the history of this part of Sudborough, and the proposed alteration would seriously alter this historic scene.

It was proposed by Cllr. Ellmer and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Innes that the submitted response be approved. Carried unanimously.

It was noted that the application would be considered by ENC's Development Control Committee on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. It was proposed by Cllr. Hartley and seconded by Cllr. Ellmer that The Chairman would speak at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. This was agreed but Cllr. Mrs Innes abstained. **Action: PS**

- c) The e-mail from Waldon Telecom Ltd regarding the upgrading of apparatus at Catshead Farm was discussed. As the works are generally replacement of like for like there were no objections to the proposal. **Action: Clerk**

#### **15/029 Accounts**

- The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts. £1000 had been received from NCC Cllr. Brackenbury's MEF towards the street lighting upgrade for which the Chairman thanked her.
- The Clerk presented the budget monitoring report.
- The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Chamberlin and seconded by Cllr. Ellmer:  
HMRC PAYE £57.80 Cheque No. 200424  
R Reed quarterly salary, etc. £313.48 Cheque No.200425
- There was no other financial business.

#### **15/030 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

None

#### **15/031 Date of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015** at the Francis Giffen Memorial Hall commencing at 7:30pm. **This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the AGM.**

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm.