



WORLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Worlingham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th February 2023 at 6.30pm at Worlingham Primary School

Present; Cllrs; W Summerfield (Chair) , S Robbins (Vice Chair), Cllr Holman, J Mather, S Mather, L Kersey Also, Present - Mrs L Beevor parish clerk. Ward Cllr Plummer (arrived at 7pm), Ward Cllr Topping and 4 representatives from the A D plant application and 2 members of the public.

Minutes

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 - a) *To receive any apologies for absence.* Apologies from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Hubbard. Ward Cllr Lever also sent apologies.
 - b) *To receive any Declarations of Personal interest* regarding the agenda – Cllr Summerfield regarding community facility.
 - c) *To receive any Declaration of Prejudicial Interest* regarding the agenda Nil
 - d) *To receive any Requests for Dispensation on matters relating to the agenda* Nil
 - e) *To remind councillors to update the Register of Interests* online. Noted

- 2 To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held January 2023
It was AGREED by all to approve the minutes.

Meeting adjourned for public participation.

3. *During each meeting the council will adjourn for a period of 10 minutes for public questions. During this time, residents can put questions to the Chairman regarding matters on the agenda. Where possible, the Chairman will respond but the matter may have to be deferred and placed on a later month's agenda for discussion.*

a) The representatives from the AD Plant application advised that they had seen the planning response from the parish council. They explained the technical basis for the operation of the Plant and heard from councillors regarding the concerns that exist on the existing Ad Plant. They advised that this new plant would be controlled by the Environment Agency by a Waste Licence which would give more protection than the enforcement of the existing plant. They advised that the site would be regularly inspected.

The representatives advised that the plant is designed to use up to 100,000 tons of food waste. It can run on 40,000 minimum. Food waste will come from within a 2-hour radius. The meeting was advised that a 14m stack will emit clean air into the atmosphere. Any noise emitted will not breach the background noise levels. Plant will be heavily automated – traffic movement operating hours 7am – 8pm Monday – Saturday. There will be 6 – 8 people on site. The site had been chosen as it

was in a sparsely populated area, with a good road network, and that it will enable local people to use the gas provided. Government subsidies exist to support the delivery of such plants – a key reason for the application.

Discussion took place regarding the above – with the representatives challenged on these assertions. They were advised that the area is not sparsely populated, that the garden village will be creating 1200 houses, that the plant is not light industry and should therefore not be in this area, that the site has no 2 hour circular radius as much of this area would be the sea. The representatives were unaware of the garden village.

It was established that food could come from industrial food waste as well as domestic. Discussion about how this would be moved. Route will be A146, A145, A12 – it was confirmed that there would be no need for vehicles to use the town.

Representatives provided information on the recently opened Attleborough Plant and offered a visit.

The representatives advised that a revised planning application will be submitted in April 2023. It was established that this is the only site that they have applied for planning for in Suffolk. During discussions it transpired that the representatives were also representatives of the existing plant at Copland Way, and that this made a new Plant easier as there is a gas supply already available in the area and that there is capacity in the network. The representatives are looking for additional sites but this one is the most advanced.

The representatives left at 7.30pm.

b) To receive a report from ESC and SCC ward councillors - reports already circulated

Both the SCC and ESC Ward reports had been circulated.

Cllr Topping advised that she is due to visit the existing AD Plant in March and is aware of the new planning application for a new Plant.

Cllr Topping advised that the issues relating to children in Beccles as reported in the media had been targeted attacks.

Cllr Topping advised that food waste collections will be reintroduced soon – discussion about bin storage for those with no room for bins.

c) To receive comments from any members of the public on matters on the agenda.

Nil

Meeting reopened.

4. Chairman's Report including.

ESC Cil strategy – No update.

Meeting at primary school re parking issues – School to restrict parents parking on site at drop off and pick up times. Letter to go to residents to advise them to contact the school if they have issues with the parking at drop off or pick up times once the pilot starts. Any dangerous parking to be reported to the police, whilst any parking on double/ single yellows to be reported to ESC.

Voter ID will be required at the elections in May.

Play Parks – informal meeting to discuss what needs doing in the future – to be held 1st March. It was suggested that the natural area at Park Drive and at Woodfield Park could be turned into wildlife areas – perhaps with assistance from Suffolk Wildlife Trust/ Clinks Care Farm.

Coronation event – Monday 8th May 2023. Informal meeting to be held 1st March to discuss the event. The Chair advised that she would advertise on Facebook for local stalls. It was suggested that organisations might like to attend to highlight the work that they do. The 2 food vans that came to the Jubilee to be invited. Cllr Topping advised that she would be able to contribute £500 from her county council allowance. The community facility might attend to showcase the new facility.

5. **Planning**

a) *applications received prior to the meeting including.*

Application – SCC/0124/22W - Proposed AD plant, Ellough. See response sent.

Application Planning Ref: SCC/0063/22W V C Cooke. See response sent.

Invitation to a site visit has been offered by V C Cooke – council advised that they would not wish to attend.

b) *ESC Decisions received.* 2 Lowlands, Marsh Lane – permitted. 33 Park Drive permitted.

c) *Any other planning matters.*

ESC Enforcement cases - Enforcement Cases – there are 2 enforcement cases outstanding on high fences in Worlingham.

Public consultation on the Draft Coastal Adaption Supplementary Planning Document – deadline 8th March 2023.

6 **Clerks and councillors report and updates including correspondence received.**

- o Litter picks –3rd Thursday in March (16th) at 1.30pm. And 20th April, and 18th May 2023.
- o For information - Community facility – Cllr Summerfield provided an update on the build timescales and asked council to consider their requirements for the parish council office.

7 **Finance Matters including.**

a. Authorisation of cheques for payment.

A full financial summary of the Council balances, and the cheques for payment, was provided for councillors as attached to the main copy of the minutes and cheques as detailed in the Receipts and Payments. These were read out to the Council meeting. **It was RESOLVED by all that the payments as detailed could be made.**

8 **Date of next meetings. All at 6.30pm unless otherwise required.**

Tuesday 14th March 2023.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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