

MINUTES OF THE WOOLPIT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
19 AUGUST 2019 AT 7.30 P.M. IN WOOLPIT INSTITUTE

Present: Mr Guyler (Chairman), Mrs Moore, Mr Wheatley, Mrs Ewans, Mr Hardiman, Mrs Jenkins and 18 members of the public. Dr Geake joined the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

Public comment: Mr Wheatley advised that he has been approached by several residents regarding hedges overhanging paths and footpaths and fly tipping of garden waste on the field in Rags Lane and next to Saffrons Close. An item will be published in the next Diary and fly tipping reported to MSDC.

There is currently no path walkable in Ladyswell. The group that work on the area will be contacted to remedy this.

Residents are concerned regarding speeding in Borley Green, Drinkstone Road and Broomhill Lane. This will be something that Woolpit PC will look into as it is an action point that is coming from the NP.

Mr Hardiman advised that the bin collections have been missed this week in Mill Close and Mill Lane. District Cllr Mansel will take this up with MSDC Waste Department as there have been many issues since the route day changes.

No response has been received from MSDC CEO to our letter regarding the concerns and issues regarding the pinch point in Green Road. District Cllr Mansel will take up this matter.

District Cllr Mansel advised that The Draft Joint Local Plan is out for public consultation from 22nd July until 30th September. Some public consultation events are arranged around both districts and there is a drop in session at Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell 20th August. A four-week consultation period for the annual position statement on the 5-year housing land supply runs from 19th July to 16th August. The statement gives MSDC has a 5.6-year land supply. At the July Council meeting MSDC acknowledged a 'Climate emergency', and agreed to set up a cross party task panel to explore way to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. The Council noted the annual report from CIFCO which stated a £3.1M loss, which includes the one-off costs of acquiring the assets and an adjustment in valuation following the year-end revaluation. 6 properties have been purchased during this year and the rental income now brings the total annual rent to £3,119,558 (for both Councils). The 2019/20 business plan is slightly different to the original plan, accepting a slightly lower return and less risky investments due to changes in the market. There will be less emphasis on High Street investments and more on commercial properties, for the second tranche of £50M (for both councils). The council adopted an Equality and Diversity Policy to ensure that MSDC complies with the Equality Act 2010.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Howard.

2. To receive declarations of interest

Mr Wheatley declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 19/02688 Rags Lane as a nearby resident and duly signed the interest book.

3. To approve minutes of the meetings 15 July 2019

The minutes were approved and signed.

It was agreed to bring forward item 9.

9. To consider the amount that Woolpit Parish Council contributes to the new Play Equipment Fund and take any necessary action.

The Playing Field Committee has been very active in the scheme and has chosen Proludic as the preferred supplier as it is metal equipment and the type of

components that the children have asked for during consultation. The cost of their quote is £68,249.13, and the two other quotes received were £52,095.00 and £82,097.51 (all excluding VAT). External funding of £57,491.56 has been achieved including a grant of £10,000.00

from awards for all and £32,585.01 from MSDC. The other £14,906.55 has been raised locally from donations and fundraising and contributions from local companies for which we thank and applaud those involved.

WPC has agreed in principle to pay the difference but the figure has not yet been agreed. Mrs Ewans asked if the grants from MSDC have been confirmed. The Clerk advised that the offer letters are on file and payments will be released when copies of invoices/receipts have been sent to MSDC for proof of expenditure and need to be before 6 March 2020. VAT will have to be paid and then reclaimed and payment will be due to Proludic 30 days after delivery. It is likely that supply will be approximately 3 months from the placement of the order.

It was proposed to use all our CIL receipts totalling £10,755.48 with the balance of £2.09 coming from the reserve allocated to this project. This was seconded and unanimously agreed and the Clerk was asked to place the order with Proludic.

Action: the Clerk

It is noted that Bob Baker has taken down the old equipment and made good the land ready for the new equipment. Parkers Pitches are to seed to area and keep in good order in preparation for the new equipment. Both have done this free of charge for which we thank them.

4. Planning – to consider current applications and receive MSDC decisions.

19/03438 Installation of guttering and rainwater pipes to eaves and the nave south clerestory. St Mary's Church, Rectory Lane – leave the decision to the Heritage Officer.

19/03500 Application under Section 73 of the Town & Country Planning Act permission: 18/01279 without compliance with Condition 7 (Landscaping Scheme) to relocate landscape bund. Land at Lawn Farm, Warren Lane – object wish to see agreed boundary buffers carried out.

19/03623 Application for removal of variation If condition following grant of planning permission 18/05363 Condition 2 (approved plans and documents) and Condition 3 (Contamination). Kiln Farm Cottage, Kiln Lane, Elmswell – no comment as no effect on Woolpit.

Mr Wheatley left the meeting at 8.11p.m.

19/02688 Reconsultation. Outline Application (some matters reserved) Erection of 5 detached dwellings, associated garages and vehicular access. Land South of Rags Lane – object same comments as before.

Mr Wheatley rejoined the meeting at 8.15 p.m.

19/03743 Application under Section 73 of the Town & Country Planning Act – variation of Condition 2 (approved plans and documents) of permission 18/02178. Erection of 1 detached dwelling and access; to allow repositioning of dwelling and amendments to fenestration. Land opposite Onamarsh, Warren Lane – no comment.

19/03731 Submission of details (Reserved Matters) and discharge of Conditions 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 under outline application 19/01248 – appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 1 dwelling, annex and outbuildings. Land East of Sharpes Row – no comment.

19/02746 Erection of workshop for commercial vehicles. Industrial Water Jetting, Dickens House, Old Stowmarket Road – object would cause additional parking on Old Stowmarket Road, if allowed would need screening from A14.

19/03851 Outline application (some matters reserved – access and landscaping to be considered) for a development comprising of a mix of B1/B2/B8 uses. Land at Lawn Farm, Warren Lane – object same reasons as for appl 18/01279.

19/00225 Erection of one bungalow. Corern, Rattlesden Road. The appeal against refusal has been dismissed.

19/02099 Discharge of conditions for appl 18/01279 Condition 4 (visibility splays) Condition 5 (Access), 19 (Landscape & Ecological Management Plan) Condition 31 (Route Management) Condition 34 (Sign Modification). Land at Lawn Farm, Warren Lane. MSDC decision – satisfied.

19/03152 Discharge of conditions appl 2112/16 approved under appeal Condition 4 (Construction Management Plan) Condition 15 (Details of ditch beneath proposed access). Land East of Green Road. MSDC decision – satisfied.

19/02339 Hybrid application – full planning application for conversion of cartlodge to residential dwelling and outline application (some matters reserved) Erection of 3 dwellings and details for access and layout (following demolition of storage buildings). Lawn Farm, Warren Lane. MSDC decision – refused unsustainable form of residential development in the countryside and conflict between residential amenity and development of Lawn Farm Business Park.

19/03129 Discharge of conditions appl 2112/16 Condition 6 (Hard and Soft Landscaping) Condition 8 (Foul Water Drainage) Condition 9 (Surface Water Drainage Strategy) Condition 10 (Construction Surface Water Management Plan). Land East side of Green Road. MSDC decision – satisfied.

19/02883 Erection of one and a half storey extension including loft conversion, erection of a garage extension following demolition of detached garage and erection of rear conservatory. Longfield, The Green. MSDC decision – permission granted.

19/03197 Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension following demolition of single storey rear element. 9 Heath Road. MSDC decision – permission granted.

5. Clerk's Report

Broken paving slab, Pump Garden – this was reported to SCC and a prompt repair effected.

Blocked drain, Bury Road – SCC has advised that no action is required.

Roadside Trees Ladyswell area of Elmswell Road – were overhanging the highway causing safety issues for lorries. SCC has cut this back.

Masons Lane triangle – SCC has advised this does not warrant remedial action.

Yellow zigzag lines near school both in Health Road and Steeles Road – the Clerk has reported that they are faded and need repainting. SCC has advised this does not warrant remedial action.

Notification of road works – SCC has advised that it will no longer issue letters to affected residents. Instead they will email communications to local stakeholders, put up advanced warning signs, put notifications on Facebook and Twitter and on Roadworks.org.

Fallen tree between Lanecroft and Roman Fields – has been reported to MSDC who has advised that work will take place to clear this.

Bin collections – there have been many issues of bins not being emptied since the change in dates and routes implemented in the middle of July. These will be passed to District Cllr Mansel who will take up with the relevant Officer.

Mid Suffolk Enforcement – the Clerk has contacted MSDC Enforcement Officer regarding an update on a matter reported 4 months ago. The Officer has replied that she has not been able to look at the further information received. This matter has been passed to District Cllr Mansel as this timescale is unacceptable.

6. To receive correspondence/communications and deal with any matters.

A resident has reported damage to the bricks in the Millennium Garden. This has happened on more than one occasion. Cllrs will debate the Millennium Garden at the September meeting. **The following items have been circulated to Cllrs: Rural Services Network** Rural Bulletin 16, 23, 30 July, 6, 13 August, Rural Conference 2019, Rural Funding Digest August. **SCC** funding for first time central heating systems, Suffolk Pension Fund Annual Employers meeting, Woolpit Road Rattlesden, Rattlesden Road and The Green surface dressing August – September. **Kier** A14 westbound junction 42 to junction 40 carriageway surveys and resurfacing

16-21 August. **Suffolk Preservation Society** SPS launches 10 year manifesto, request for copy of responses to Joint Local Plan consultation. **MSDC** Planning Services survey, Draft Housing Land Supply position statement consultation July 2019, Joint Local Plan consultation ends 30 September 2019, Joint Local Plan presentation to NP Groups copy presentation and Town & Parish Council briefings copy presentation, update on Joint Local Plan drop-in events, forthcoming CIL Bid round 4 1-31 October, new CIL Regulations come into force 1 September 2019. **SALC** Better broadband for Suffolk - parish councillor briefing, forthcoming courses, ebulletin 19 July, 14 August, review of governance arrangements and constitution - consultation of members, Mid Suffolk Area Forum programme 5 September, Draft ICO Data Sharing Practices, project management new course. **How to Lose Weight Well** filming in the village 18 August. Copies of correspondence from residents with MSDC Rags Lane 2 Joint Local Plan 1.

7. To approve accounts for payment.

To ratify the following payments Mr K Harknett £62,40 litter picking July, Mr R Balk £71.97 street sweeping July, Mrs P Branham £10.52 edit August/September Woolpit Diary, Equity pc £483.30 new printer and setting up. All payments were unanimously ratified. Laura Bayly £44 Millennium Garden July, Mr M Hardiman £29.68 reimbursement for chain around Pump Garden, Mid Suffolk District Council £107.78 uncontested election charges, Mid Suffolk District Council £1104.00 litter and dog bin emptying 2019/20, Gipping Press £260.88 August/September Diary. All accounts were approved and cheques issued. Payments by Standing Order Mrs P Fuller £835.45 July salary.

8. To receive a monthly financial report.

We have £138,957.95 in the Community Account.

10. To consider a new website for Woolpit PC and to be compliant with international accessibility standard WCAG 2.0 by 23 September 2020 and take any necessary action.

Suffolk Cloud has a website package for Parish Councils in this area. Mrs Ewans stated that this would suit our needs very well and the current website looks very tired. A new website would be run by the Parish Council rather than rely on a third party to update our pages and if hosted by Suffolk Cloud they would be responsible that we comply with all regulations. The cost to go through Suffolk Cloud would be £200 to create a new template and transferring data plus an ongoing annual hosting cost of £110. On-site training for up to three people can be arranged for a cost of £50 for 2 hours. The Clerk advised that we have paid for three years hosting with our current provider and this should also be taken into consideration. Mr Guyler proposed that over the next 2-3 months we change our website to be hosted by Suffolk Cloud and that we will need to designate someone to maintain the site. This was seconded and approved. It was agreed that Mrs Ewans, Dr Geake and the Clerk would receive training, Mrs Ewans and the Clerk will liaise with Suffolk Cloud.

Action: Mrs Ewans/the Clerk

11. To consider the future of the Woolpit Recreation Ground Charity RCN304959 and take any necessary action.

Mrs Ewans has investigated the charity which was set up in 1960 with £207 from the proceeds from the sale of a piece of land. The money had to be invested and income applied for the recreation of residents of Woolpit. The return on the investment is around £100 per annum and annual returns need to be completed for the Charity Commission. The current value of the investment is £3300 and Mrs Ewans suggests we approach the Charity Commission to release the cash for use for play equipment and its ongoing maintenance. Cllrs agreed to approach the Charity Commission to

see if this is possible.

12. To consider the name proposed by the developer for the buildings at The Swan Inn and take any necessary action.

Councillors are happy to accept the developer's proposal of 1-3 Swann Yard providing it is spelt with one n not two.

Action: the Clerk.

13. Date and time of the next Parish Council meeting – Monday 2 September 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Woolpit Institute. Noted.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.

Signed..... Dated.....