

Minutes of an Extra Meeting of the Waltham Parish Council held in the Waltham Library on Monday 25th January 2010 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillor M Archer (Chairman), Councillors A. Archer, Baker, Barrett, Bean, Clayton, Dewires, Evans, Frisby, Shaw, Surtees, Teanby and Woodliff, Mr Andrew Milner Executive Director of Community Services NELC, 15 Residents, and the Parish Clerk.

20.01.2010 Open Forum – To enable any resident to raise any items with the Parish Council:

Mr E Doherty of 37 Brigsley Road spoke at the last meeting and still had the same concerns over the development of land at the rear of 31 and 39 Brigsley Road, but now feels that the residents are evermore fearful that this application and the previous one is leading to an even larger development being built on this site. Other resident spoke about the shared drive being a small lane and is not suitable for the amount of traffic that will be using it should this development take place, and the risk of flooding in this area continues to pray on the minds of the adjoining property owners. The way the applicants are drip feeding the plans into the Council sets the residents to believe there will be more to follow, they would like to see a plan of the whole area with the shown developments on it.

The width of the lane is only 3m wide at the point of where the tree is. Mr Doherty said that this will push the traffic closer to the boundary wall of his property. Should a delivery vehicle hit this wall, then this could fall onto Mr Doherty's house, and he feels the reproductions of this would include increased buildings insurance and much distress on his whole family. Mr Doherty said that he hoped the Parish Council will have some influence and support the residents in this matter.

The Chairman said that the Councillors have listened to all the comments made and would consider these when the application is heard later in the agenda.

21.01.2010 Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct Order (2007)

Declaration of Interest by Members of the Parish Council in relation to the agenda below:

Councillors M Archer (Chairman) A Archer and P Surtees declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Agenda item 5, The Tanyard planning application, as they own the land adjoining the proposed development.

22.01.2010 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors: M Davies, E Penney, Fire Watch Manager Carl Lamb, and Ward Councillors I Colquhoun & P Jackson.

23.01.2010 To hear from Andrew Milner, Executive Director Community Services, North East Lincolnshire Council.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Milner and asked him to introduce himself and explain Neighbourhood Management to the Parish Council.

Mr Milner said that after spending 15 years as a Parish Councillor he understands the passions of the residents here this evening.

Mr Milner said his official title is Executive Director of Community Services. This role includes Adult Social Services, Neighbourhood Management, Leisure & Tourism and Community Safety.

Neighbourhood Management is being introduced to the North East area with Immingham already up and running, Fiveways, East Marsh, Sydney, Sussex, Havestoe, Central, and South Wards following on. The Wolds Area being the last to be rolled out. All area's are to be completed by 31 March 2010. Mr Milner said that

the purpose of Neighbourhood Management is to bring a greater understanding of all the organisations involved in it - Police, Fire, Wardens, NELC, & Social Services etc. He believes that Town & Parish Council is fundamental for this to work. The purpose is not to create another level of bureaucracy but to bring the organisations together to achieve an answer to a problem, where normally it would come to a halt.

Mr Milner spoke of examples where Neighbourhood Management would help, in a situation where speeding was a problem around a school, the organisations got together and the police helped the school by letting the children use radar guns to slow down the traffic.

Mr Milner said he had worked nationally on this project, and not all Parish Councils encouraged it, but after 1 year they could all see the benefits it gave.

Councillor Baker asked what extra services do the Neighbourhood Management offer that we are not already in touch with. Mr Milner said the reporting and registering of problems will still be the same, but should the Parish Council find they are not able to get an issue resolved; the Neighbourhood Management team can help by getting all parties together to come to an agreed solution.

Mr Milner explained that Chief Inspector Tracy Bradley who was to represent the Wolds area has been promoted and has moved to Hull, but Chief Inspector Debbie Johnson will be taking her place. The Chairman asked once this has been rolled out will the public be confused as to where to take their concerns. Mr Milner said that the Area Action Group is not for the public to go to; they will still report their concerns in the usual way. It is for ward members or a Parish Council to bring an issue to the group when they cannot get help from elsewhere. The Chairman asked if it is up to the Parish Council to bring an item to the Group. Mr Milner explained that the Parish Council is part of the 15 stage and that the majority of things will not need to come to the Group. It is only when the Parish Council feel that they can go no further. Mr Milner went on to say that each area is different and the exact same structure cannot be applied in all areas. When it is time to roll it out in the Wolds, then the area will be looked at for what its specific needs are. Mr Milner explained that there is 15 Wards 5 Area's and 1 Local Strategic Partnership Manager.

Councillor Frisby asked why we need another level. Mr Milner said that this would not create another level, but they are here to help respond to difficult issues which the Parish Council are having difficulty resolving. Councillor Frisby said that the Parish Council has taken on difficult issues in the past like, the flooding and saving the Fire Station, and we achieved that. Mr Milner said who was to know what could happen, but it would be reassuring for the Parish Council if they knew that there was a Group set up to help should the need arise. Councillor Frisby said that the areas are very large. Mr Milner said that the area is not meant to create boundaries; they are only used for administrative purposes only.

Councillor Teanby asked who would be paying for the time and expenses of those involved. Mr Milner said that Neighbourhood Management will not cost the Council any extra money. The people involved have their positions included in their job remit, therefore will not cost any extra. Each partner has volunteered to recruit someone and ask for free help on things like minutes and administration. A government initiative for helping people back to work could also pay for someone to do administration duties. The group has no authority to request payment for the services, which they provide, Mr Milner believes the group will give more value and in the long-term help reduce costs. Councillor Woodliff asked for assurances to be given that we will not see the Fire Brigade, and Police removed from the Parish Council's Agenda. Mr Milner said he is sure that the relationship the Parish Council

has with these and other organisations will not change and he is confident that the Police and Fire Brigade will also want to maintain the level of contact that they have with you.

Mr Milner said that he would be willing to come back should the Parish Council feel they have further questions that need answering and said that he will keep the Parish Council up to date with the further progression of the Wolds Area.

The Chairman thanked Mr Milner for attending the meeting.

The Chairman then read a statement from the Ward Councillors, as they were unable to attend this evening. It read that both Councillor Colquhoun and Councillor Jackson do not feel that Neighbourhood Management will work in its present format, and will continue to object to it being introduced into the Wolds area, but that the Parish Council have to make its own decision, and the Ward Councillors will continue to support the Parish Council.

24.01.2010 Planning Matters and to discuss the planning applications received from North East Lincolnshire Council:

The Parish Council considered the following applications:

Application Number DC/1024/09/WAB 78 Cheapside, Waltham.

To erect single storey extension to rear and first floor extension to side.

Recommend Approval

The Parish Council had been notified that the adjoining landowner is unaware of this application.

Application Number DC/1094/09/WAB R/O 31 Brigsley Road, Waltham.

Outline application to erect one dwelling.

Recommend Refusal

The Parish Council were in agreement that a full detailed application is required in order to fully see the development on the whole area of land. The Parish Council feels that there is potential for over development of this land with applications being put forward in a piecemeal style. If a full detailed application is applied for the Parish Council and all neighbours to this site would be able to judge the impact it would have on their own properties and a restriction on the density of the development (section 106 agreement) could be applied to the whole of this area, with reference to policy H10 Local District Plan.

The impact on the neighbouring properties would include a loss of quality of life for the residents immediately surrounding this proposed development area.

The flooding and surface water of this area is of great concern and a soak away for this land would not be sufficient. Concerns were raised that if an engineering solution was applied to this site, evacuation of the stored water would still present problems, as there is no direct access to the open water drainage system.

The access to and from this site is not adequate to take the volume of traffic a development on this site would create. The entrance is of great concern and the size of access, which is needed for any of the emergency services to access this area.

There is a significant mature pine tree along this entrance subject to a tree preservation order that restricts the access to a maximum of 3mtr which is shown on the applicant's site plan, drawing number 1367/4.

Increased traffic movement over the root system would have a significant impact on its well being. This site has already suffered the loss of a mature tree with a tree

preservation order on it, without it being replaced and the Parish Council would not like to see any other trees lost in this way.

The Chairman Councillor M Archer, Councillor A Archer and Councillor P Surtees having declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest left the room to enable the following application to be discussed.

Vice Chairman Councillor P Woodliff in the Chair.

Application Number DC/1047/09/WAB The Old Tanyard, Ings Lane, Waltham. Demolition of vacant cottage building and its associated outbuildings and erect 3no eco live/work dwellings, carport (7no spaces) bin store, associated parking and garden allotments.

Recommend Refusal

The Parish Council said in previous minutes that it would not set a precedent of having further homes on Ings Lane. In the documentation accompanying this application it is clearly shown that this area is outside the allocated area for development on the Local District Plan.

The design of application is not in keeping with the surrounding area.

The width of the lane will not take the volume of traffic that this development will create. There is parking shown for 11 vehicles on this site and with Ings Lane being a single width agricultural lane, there are no passing points for volumes of traffic that will use or visit this site. There is already damage to the grass verge, which was caused following recent developments in this lane.

The Parish Council have been made aware that there is a land dispute to the access of this development clearly shown on the supporting documents supplied by the applicant. The adjoining landowner has not been informed of this application by the planning office. The landowner has questioned the legality of the adoption of this part of the lane, and has documentation to support his view.

The Chairman and Councillors returned to the meeting.

Chairman Councillor M Archer in the Chair.

Notice of Decision on application number DC/981/09/WAB, 34 Sterling Crescent, Waltham. Variations of condition 2 attached to planning application DC/611/09/WAB for the external materials to be used to match existing buildings with the exception of the roofing material. **Application Granted.**

Notice of Decision on application number DC/1010/09/WAB, 4Fountain Close, Waltham. To erect ground & first floor extension to sides and rear of existing dwelling. **Application Granted with conditions.**

Notice of Decision on application number DC/1003/09/WAB, 6 Barnoldby Road, Waltham. To erect ground & first floor extension rear of existing dwelling. **Application Granted with conditions.**

25.01.2010 Closure of Parish Meeting:

With nothing further to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting to allow the Traffic Flow through Waltham Sub Committee to commence its meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.