

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 1st July 2021

Present: Cllrs Laura Beeson, Philip Deal, John Hayward, Paula Murton, Sally Reeves (Chairman), Ray Studd and Jerry Voden

In attendance: Claire Pizzey (Clerk) District Councillor Rachel Eburne and Keith Welham and 2 members of the public

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and thanked all for attending. A statement was read out indicating that, in accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media to report on the proceedings of the meeting. A full transcript is available from the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Laura Johnson and Debra Melhuish. The members noted the apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Councillors' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests in subsequent agenda items.

3. Dispensation

No requests for dispensations were received.

4. Public Forum

A representative from the Stowmarket Eco Group reported their ecological concerns in order to accommodate the layout of the development that included, the number of trees being removed, the habitat disruption, disturbance of soil erosion, and loss of natural assets, tree canopy cover and carbon density. A resident raised concerns over the increase in traffic through the village from this development.

5. Planning

DC/21/03287 - Proposal: Full Planning Application - Residential Development of 265No dwellings (70 affordable) with new public open space, landscaping, access and associated Infrastructure.

Location: Land North West Of, Stowupland Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 5AN.

The Councillors discussed the application. The District and County Councillors were invited to address the members following a meeting held with County Officer re IDP proposals affecting Stowupland. This included Pre-School, Primary School and Health Provision. Along with traffic proposals, bus routes and cycle and pedestrian access.

Cllr Deal proposed that the Parish Council OBJECTS to the application for the following reasons:-

- The Inspector approved the Linden Homes site on the basis that the Stowmarket Area action plan showed the parcel of land adjacent to this development would be maintained as open space. Maintaining a gap between Stowupland and Stowmarket.
- Loss of current open space on the site and the impact on the rurality of Stowupland
- Traffic concerns; impact of additional vehicle movements on the village especially the A1120/B1115 junction
- Health service provision
- School provision
- Bus Service provision
- Environment issues
- Flooding issues; Stowmarket Road near Uplands House
- No provisions for bungalows
- Sewage Services
- Layout of the development to allow for South facing roofs to enable solar panels and ground source or air sourced heat pumps. In line with the Governments new aims

Cllr Hayward seconded with all in favour. Cllrs Reeves, Studd and the Clerk to write the objection letter on behalf of the Parish Council.

6. Date of next meeting

Full Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th July 2021 at Stowupland Bowls Club

Meeting closed 20.21pm