

# **DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council on  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs Cousins, Hembra, Lambert, Schofield, Thurlow, Youngs (Ch)

**Attending:** Parish Clerk Mr Peter Dow  
2 members of the public

- 17.08.01 **Noted:**  
1.1 An apology for absence was accepted from Cllr Moss
- 17.08.02 **Noted:**  
That when any Members' Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items were invited, along with any notification of additions and/or deletions to the Council's Register of Interests, none were forthcoming.
- 17.08.03 **Noted:**  
Correspondence to this meeting not dealt with as an Agenda item;  
3.1 With MSDC Planning Enforcement and others ref EN/17/00097, Messrs Envirofield Ltd, advising that a detailed log of any transgressions is a key element of a formal complaint.
- 17.08.04 **Noted:**  
That when any public comment or question was invited on any Agenda item none was forthcoming.
- 17.08.05 **Noted:**  
That there were no Planning results notified by MSDC.
- 17.08.06 **Noted:**  
Planning applications as notified by MSDC for comment:  
6.1 **DC/17/02756**  
**Change of use of stable to dog grooming business**  
**Location: Street Farm, Beyton Road, Drinkstone, IP30 9SR**  
The Meeting objected to this application for the following reasons:
- 1 Contrary to the Applicant's statement, the site does not enjoy the benefit of mains drainage. The proposal seeks, therefore, to drain into a private drainage facility the water and residues of an industrial activity depending to a large degree on the use of water in quantity and the application of chemical cleaning and grooming agents. The potential adverse impact on environmental amenity runs counter to Structure Plan Policies E2, E5, E8 & E11 and to NPPF paragraph 120.
  - 2 The site is served by a single-track unrestricted and unclassified dead-end road which joins the highway proper at a crossroads where speed is a constant issue and which is already the subject of concern expressed via the District Council Ward Member to SCC Highways. Traffic travelling from the west is completely blind to this access road by virtue of the sharp bend. The emerging vehicles have no vision at all to their right from which fast moving vehicles can emerge without warning. The proposal seeks to attract customers to a service-retail operation and the applicant suggests 12 such customers per day, this together with delivery and service vehicles. Even if this estimate is a fair assessment of the extra traffic generated, it poses an unacceptable risk to highway safety, contrary to Structure Plan Policies T10 & E8.
  - 3 The Applicant seeks to develop a very small proportion of the much larger red line area. The potential for expansion in the scale of the proposed operation poses an unacceptable threat to the amenity of the neighbouring properties and which would serve to exacerbate the highways risk outlined above. Without a Condition restricting operations to the Applicant in person and within the confines of the barn area identified in photographs accompanying the application, this threat goes against Structure Plan Policies E8 & E9.

- 4 The operation as proposed poses an unacceptable risk of noise nuisance to the neighbouring dwellings. The interactions between dogs arriving for treatment or in holding kennels awaiting treatment, together with those already domiciled at the site, will lead, inevitably, to barking throughout the operating day. This detracts from the amenity of this quiet rural location, directly as provided for in Structure Plan Policies E8 & E9.

- 6.2 **DC/17/03497**  
**Insertion of new external door to ground floor east elevation**  
**Holm House, Garden House Lane, Drinkstone, IP30 9FJ**  
The Meeting agreed to support this application

- 6.3 **DC/17/03048**  
**Changes to application 4508/16 previously approved-erection of extension and timber garage outstanding (amendments to fenestration, increase in height of wood burning stove flue, change of cladding material from dark clay tile to dark grey diamond cement tile)**  
**Stone Cottage, Park Road, IP30 9TJ**  
The Meeting agreed to support this application

- 6.4 **DC/17/03599**  
**Erection of outbuilding, replacement of garage with new Treaclebenders, Cross street**  
The Meeting agreed to support this application with the request that a s106 Agreement be imposed requiring that the annexe accommodation cannot be used for a separate household and is used solely for the enjoyment of the occupiers of Treaclebenders or for occupation by a dependent family relative.

- 17.08.07 **Resolved:**  
**That Drinkstone Parish Council makes known to the Corporate Manager, Development Management, at Mid Suffolk District Council its views on the Planning applications on this agenda.**
- 17.08.08 **Noted:**  
The MSDC communication re proposed hedge removal at Southacre, Rattlesden Road on which no action was determined.
- 17.08.09 **Noted:**  
That there were no other Planning matters for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda.
- 17.08.10 **Noted:**  
Further information regarding the recent consultation on the Local Government's Boundary Commission for England Electoral Review of Mid Suffolk District Council and the agreement of the Meeting that a formal response should wait pending the submission of firm options for comment.
- 17.08.11 **Noted:**  
That when public comment or questions were invited on any matter of Council business, none were forthcoming.
- 17.08.12 **Noted:**  
That when any other Council business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited, none was forthcoming
- 17.08.13 **Noted:**  
That the scheduled date for the next Ordinary Meeting of Council was Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September.
- 17.08.14 **Noted:**  
That the meeting closed at 8.45pm..