MINUTES OF RUSHBROOKE WITH ROUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 4 APRIL 2022

Present: Cllrs P Wells (Chair), S Brinkley, A Dann, C Old and A Poole

In Attendance: Ms M Reed, Co Cllr K Soons, Dist Cllr S Mildmay-White and Parish Clerk

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| 22/085 | Apologies for Absence: Cllrs D Strong and Co Cllr K Soons |  |
| 22/086 | Declarations of Interest: None |  |
| 22/087 | Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the PC Meeting held on 17 January 2022. An amendment to Min 22/079 was noted changing ‘Mouse Lane’ to ‘Smithy Close’. The minutes were then approved and signed. |  |
| 22/088 | Matters Arising: There were no matters arising other than those on the agenda. |  |
| 22/089 | Public Forum: Ms M Reed presented comments regarding the forthcoming Boundary Commission Survey on behalf of Mr I Steel.  Mr Langdon requested on behalf of the School that the PC contribute to the cost  of a plaque to mark the wood planted in this connection. The PC is to be notified  of the preferred plaque.. | PL |
| 22/090 | County Councillor’s Report: Co Cllr Soons’ Annual Report for 2021-22 had been circulated. | KS |
| 22/091 | Borough Councillor’s Report: Cllr Mildmay-White’s report for April had been circulated. | SMW |
| 22/092 | Cllr T Beckwith’s Report: Cllr Beckwith’s report for April had been circulated. Cllr Beckwith reported again on the volume of HGV traffic using Moreton Hall’s roads causing a disturbance to residents especially during the night. He is particularly keen to get Highways to remove one of the raised structures on the road in order to reduce traffic noise in that area. |  |
| 22/093 | Finance & Administration:  Income and Payments  Bank Balances: 28.2.22: Current: £3,708.83, Savings: £28,159.80  Total: £31,868.63  Income Received: £3,665.00 (s106 income received re proposed purchase of  Single Bay Swing Frame c/w Nest Seat & Long Life Steel Anchors) ordered on  behalf of Mouse Lane Play Area = Cost (£3,665) exc VAT.    A further bank mandate is awaited to be enacted by Barclays to include Cllrs Brinkley and Dann as signatories.  Payments  The following payments were ratified:  Ratification of the following payments made 30.3.22:  TC Forestry & Fencing: Mouse Lane Play Area: Grass Cutting 18.10.21:  £45.00 `(cheque no 101485)  Rougham Estate Property: Half Yearly Playing Field Rent (Mouse Lane):  £56.14 (101486)  Rougham Estate Property: Annual Rent: 31.3.21-30.3.22: £15.00 (101487)  Command Pest Control Ltd: Pest Control: 1.3. to 1.6.22: £114.00 (101489)  (Inv 827459)  HMRC: PAYE: Jan-Mar 2022: £346.20 (101490)  Parish Clerk: Salary and Mileage: Qtr: Jan-Mar 2022: £1,612.50 (101491)  New Payments  Mr D Larke: Litter Picking: Jan-Mar 2022: £450.00 + £24.08 (bin liners and  thermal gloves): Total: £474.08 (101492)  SALC: Provision of 6 months’ payroll to 30.9.21 and 31.3.22 @ £22.80  SALC: Provision of 6 months’ payroll to 30.9.21: £22.80  SALC: Membership Subscription 2022/23: £483.43  Cheque for payment of the above 3 invoices = £529.03 ((101497)  Rougham Playing Field Association: Defibrillator Battery (incl import fee):  £190.35 and Rougham Playing Field Association: Contribution to Recycling  Bin at Sports Hall: £136.76. Total: £327.11 (101495)  Action Play & Leisure Ltd: Play equipment ordered for installation at Mouse  Lane Play Area (ex s106 income): £5,898.00. (101494)  Mr P Langdon asked if the PC would consider a commemorative plaque for the  School’s Tree Planting to mark also the Queen’s 70th Jubilee. This was agreed;  Details to be notified by Mr Langdon. | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  PL |
| 22/094 PLANNING: New Planning Applications  PA DC/22/0240/FUL: The Chimneys, New Road, Rougham: a. two storey  accommodation block providing 12 bed extension to existing care home (C2),  with single storey link to existing care home, providing ancillary  accommodation; b. detached staff room; c car parking and access alterations;  d. landscaping; e package treatment plant. Members agreed to support the  application.  Community Governance Review and Local Plan  Community Governance Review: Members agreed that the PC wants to retain  the Parish as it is currently, which is considered to work very well, and therefore  no changes are considered necessary. In fact, it is acknowledged that most  residents of the newest area of the Parish, namely Lark Grange, frequently  walk into Rougham, rather than Bury St Edmunds, to access facilities, etc. The  PC will therefore respond to the Review in that vein.  The Moreton Hall area of Rougham was identified as an area of growth in the  Vision 2031 document published in 2012 and has proved remarkably  successful - from the point of providing homes and local jobs. The area, which  is part of this application, was earmarked for a petrol station and food outlet  area. BP put in an application for the other side of Sow Lane (just off the A14  exit). The LA; refused its application wanting to keep all development on the  other side but, unfortunately, BP appealed the decision, which was allowed.  DC/22/0605/ADV: Advertisement Consent Application: Land South of General  Castle Way, Rougham Industrial Estate a. six internally illuminated fascia signs;  b. three internally illuminated booth signs; c. one internally illuminated display  screen. Application for McDonalds Restaurants Ltd: It was agreed that the PC  would object to this proposed ‘fast food’ restaurant and its excessive number of  proposed illuminated signs, which would be highly visible and, consequently  totally out of place in this rural location and causing light pollution in the night  sky.  Reasons for objection include:   1. Increased traffic volumes and associated road noise close to a residential   area.  2 .The proposal would introduce a town centre use in an 'out-of-town'  countryside location.   1. The application site lies outside the settlement boundary defined under policy CS4 of the St Edmundsbury Core Strategy and is not allocated for development either in the Local Plan. 2. Policy DM35 seeks to direct main town centre uses in the defined centres and requires a sequential approach. The application is therefore contrary to policies DM1, DM5 and DM35 of the Joint Development Management Policies Document; policies CS4, CS10 and CS13 of the St Edmundsbury Borough Council Core Strategy and policy BV9 of the Bury St Edmunds Vision 2031 document. 3. The site is prominently located in a landscaped countryside location where Policy DM5 protects land from unsustainable development. The application site is characterised by open spaces and naturalistic landscaping and makes a positive contribution to the underlying landscape character of the area. The site forms a buffer from the busy A14 and provides an attractive setting for the residential development of Moreton Hall. 4. The removal of existing vegetation, introduction of additional buildings, intrusive signage and a general intensification of the site’s use will erode the positive characteristics of the site. As such, the proposal fails to recognise and address key features, characteristics, landscape/townscape character, local distinctiveness and special qualities of the area and involves the loss of an important open and landscaped area which makes a significant contribution to the character and appearance of the settlement, contrary to policy DM2 and DM5, CS3 and CS13 and core principles of the NPPF. 5. Based on the evidence available, it is Officers’ view that the proposal is for a motorist facility. Strategic site BV13 allocates a site which includes motorists' services facilities including petrol filing station, restaurant and travel hotel. The Local Plan identifies this as a suitable site for the type of use proposed by this application. The site next to junction 45 would be better accessible and more convenient to motorists on the A14 than the application site; it is allocated for such uses and is therefore more appropriate and is more sustainable. The proposed development on the application site would therefore undermine the delivery of development allocated under Policy BV13 and is contrary to the aims of the NPPF taken as a whole. 6. Such development would attract Anti-Social Behaviour (littering, noise, violence and vehicle nuisance) as experienced at the McDonalds drive-through site at Stowmarket and still ongoing. 7. Light Pollution and Disruption to Local Wildlife. The site proposed is close to a wooded and forested area, in which wildlife is regularly seen. The addition of 24 hour lighting, increased traffic, noise and litter would serve to disrupt their natural habitat. 8. Further increase in anti-social vehicle use on Skyliner Way, Lady Miriam Way and Rougham Tower Avenue, which has been well documented by the Police and local media. 9. The previously proposed location on Rougham Hill is considered to have been a more suitable location with fewer residential properties in the vicinity and the existing road network more appropriate for greater traffic volumes.     22/095 Mouse Lane  The footpath to the Church/School had previously been cleared of encroaching  vegetation. A decision now needs to be made as to whether we wish to  appoint a contractor to apply weedkiller (suggested by the same contractor to  be done twice a year at a cost of £100/application.) .In the last week, the Parish  Clerk had received a request from a resident that this footpath be cleared again  now  22/096 Highways; The following work remains to be done; Cllr Soons was asked  again:- to ensure that this work is carried out urgently  Gullies & Grips – Almshouse and Church Roads: Cllr Soons was asked to  expedite this matter, since no further work had been undertaken to link the  gullies to their outfalls.  22/097 Potholes: Cllr Soons was asked to get the one large remaining pothole in  New Road (near its junction with Bury Road) repaired as a matter of urgency  due to its dangerous size and position.  22/098 Speed Indicator Devices/Vehicle Activation Signs: Two SIDs had previously  been situated in unsatisfactory positions in Rougham; Cllr Wells agreed to  review the criteria and make recommendations as to more suitable locations  following discussion with the responsible SCC Department.  22/099 Anti-Social Behaviour: No problems had been reported.  22/100 James Stiff Cottages: Cllr Poole advised that no update had been provided.  22/101 Emergency Management Planning: Cllr Dann agreed to assume responsibility  for this Emergency Plan for the Parish. Available information in this connection  had been obtained by Cllr Dann.  Date of the Next PC Meeting: Monday 18 July 2022  Signed:………………………..(Chair) Date: 18 July 2022 | | Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  ALL/  Clerk  KS  Clerk  AP  AD/  Clerk |