

STONHAM PARVA PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BAPTIST
CHAPEL SOCIAL ROOM ON THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2019

PRESENT: Cllrs I Richardson, K Dawson, S Baldry, G Davison, A Harvey
9 Villagers

APOLOGIES : Cllr T Benjamin

Public Forum: The Parish Council gave notice to the village to call an extraordinary meeting on the evening of Thursday 20th June to discuss DC/19/02634 Full Planning Application – Erection 4no. dwellings, garages and new vehicular access to land on the east side of Norwich Road, Stonham Parva, Suffolk.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Cllr A Harvey declared an interest and did not take part in discussions.

Introductions/SPPC

All Parish Councillors introduced themselves to the parishioners in attendance.

I Richardson introduced the meeting and stated that the Parish Council wanted to gain the views of the village in respect of this proposed development which was a new planning application after planning application DC/18/04865 for 9no. dwellings on the same land was withdraw. We will then write to Mid Suffolk Planning Department reflecting the views expressed.

I Richardson shared a presentation with the meeting detailing the planning application in depth, including detailed plans, traffic survey results, ecology details, site plans. He told the attendees the site has always been a hay meadow and as such has a lot of wildlife in it, Suffolk Wildlife Trust have advised a full nature survey should be carried out.

I Richardson and G Davison explained that we would need to put forward strong legal planning arguments in order to reject this planning application and that if it goes ahead, we should consider what might happen in the future in terms of setting a precedent.

Public Forum

I Richardson asked parishioners for their comments/views.

1. Concerns raised that this sets a precedent for future developments in the village and open up other areas within the village for development. This could have a negative impact on the village given that most home would have at least 2 cars and apart from the pub and Baptist Church there are no local amenities and no transport without having to walk down the A140 to the nearest bus stop. There is no safe place to cross the road. This is despite it being stated in the plans that the site is close to bus routes.
2. The plans show trees and a grassed area but there is no explanation about the trees being kept or what the grass area is to be used for and how it will be maintained. It is described as a protected area, but what does this mean? Will the trees to given preservation orders?
3. The site is currently a habitat for many types of plant and wildlife. Returning woodpeckers have been seen in the gardens backing onto the site and there is nowhere else in the village that is a natural habitat such as this.
4. Now that the new applications leaves quite a lot of meadow behind it which is not being built on could we request that the meadow is maintained and cut twice yearly?
5. Some villagers are worried about the loss of light to their properties, a loss of privacy and a potential impact upon solar panels. The new properties seem to be planned to be built close to existing properties.

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6. Poor visibility from the proposed site entrance is a concern. There are laybys on either side of the entrance which regularly have HGVs and delivery vans parked in them.
7. The proposed site entrance is directly opposite a busy car wash.
8. The site is outside the main settlement of the village. It is not in keeping with the current housing ribbon formation. If the plans were for properties to fill the gap that exists and continued on the ribbon formation this would be far more acceptable.
9. The site is potentially of archaeological interest given that it is situation next to a roman road and there are a number of listed and very old buildings nearby.
10. The Planning Statement is incorrect and is for the previous application for 9 dwellings. Cllr Davison will ask for the revised one to be uploaded.
11. The Planning Application has been completed incorrectly as it says no trees will be affected on site when they will.
12. The meeting was asked for a show of hands of all those who were against this planning application and those who supported the application with stipulations. The majority agreed with the planning application along as stipulations were made.

The Chairman thanked all for attending at 8.40pm and Parishioners left while the Parish Council agreed the format of our letter to MSDC, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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