



WANSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL ON MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Cllr F Aspin
Cllr R Clarke
Cllr T Pearson (Chairman)
Cllr D Johnson
Cllr P Rudd
Cllr D Stuart-Mogg
Cllr G Ward

In Attendance: Mr J Lenton, Mr R Bartlett, Mr S Woods, Mr G & Mrs G Lane
(members of the public)

1. Apologies for Absence

Wendy Gray, Parish Clerk

2. Declaration of Interest

(Councillors were reminded of their obligation under the Codes of Conduct to declare personal and prejudicial interests)

3. Consultation on Peterborough's Planning Policies and Site Allocation Planning Documents.

Proposal that the following should be used for housing:

- H121 – The Little Chef Site – it was agreed that the site was totally unsuitable for housing because of the limitations of access via Nene Close in general and between the garages. Any access via the Little Chef car park or Swanhill would be impracticable. In addition there would be a potential issue of the loss of privacy for adjacent properties.

It was proposed that the land should be used for allotments or leisure use such as a bowling green or tennis courts with a secure ring fence boundary.

- H121 – Seed's field, adjacent to Old Leicester Road – it was agreed that the land was only suitable for agricultural use. Any development would be a disproportionate increase in the size of the village. We disagreed most strongly with the

proposed use and drew attention to the observations in the Appendix in the Village Design Statement.

It was agreed that we should respond to the request for comments on the document itself by registering “no comment”.

There was a vote of 6 to 1 against the idea that we should apply for planning permission for housing development of the picnic site. It was agreed that we should approach the Environment Agency to urge them to contact the Highways Agency with a view to developing the site for mooring and leisure use.

It was unanimously agreed that we should submit changes to the village boundary to include the surgery and all properties up to the top of the hill along Yarwell Road.

This would consolidate the administrative boundary consistent with the physical structure of the community.

4. Our [response to the questions](#) from [the Energy Centre for Sustainable Communities \(ecsc\) commissioned by Opportunity Peterborough and Peterborough City Council to develop an energy study for Peterborough](#) requested [by the 12th November](#).

In response to the questionnaire we stated that

- We would wish to reduce emissions for the village, especially Sulphur Dioxide and that we are in favour of cleaner fuels or alternative energy sources which are less polluting.
- We agreed that “fuel poverty” is an issue within our community and had become increasingly significant since recent increases in fuel prices and our lack of choice of fuels since there is no mains natural gas supply to the village.
- We drew attention to our gas supply survey and the fact that some non-intrusive solar collectors had been installed outside the Conservation area.

Extra item: Consultation on Preserved Trees Application 08/01344/TRE – Raise crown to 5m of Beech tree at 8 Black Swan Spinney, Wansford – it was agreed that rather than asking for a postponement of the deadline for submission of our comments from 25 November to beyond the date of our next meeting, if the Tree Officer is minded to approve this application it would have our support.

It was also agreed to ask if there had been planning applications for the pollarding of the Willow Tree in The Stables, Old Leicester Road (which is within the Conservation Area) and the trees at Spring House, Yarwell Road.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Dates of next scheduled meetings in the Community Hall
Monday 1st December 2008 Monday 5th January 2009

Signed: Date:
C T J Pearson, Chairman