

Minutes of the Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council meeting held 16th January 2024 commencing at 7.30pm at the village hall.

Present: Ms P Procter, Mr J Bird, Mrs K Lindsay, Mrs J Ellinor, Mr C Hedgley (District Councillor) and Mrs C Frost (Clerk).

1. **Election of Chair for the purpose of this meeting** Mr Bird proposed Ms Procter as Chair for the purpose of this meeting. This was seconded by Mrs Ellinor and unanimously approved.
2. **Chairman's Welcome and Apologies** Ms Procter welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Mr Lugo (Parish Councillor) and Cllr Bryce (County Councillor).
3. **Public Forum** There were no members of the public.
4. **To receive declarations of interest.** There were none.
5. **Planning Matters, including:**

(a) DC/22/3748/FUL. Residential Development for 25 new dwellings in Keightley Way.

Including: To consider any updates on this application and to consider preparation for the East Suffolk Council (ESC) Planning Committee meeting which is expected to be held 23rd January 2024.

The most recent comments submitted to East Suffolk Council Planning by the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) about this application, and the reply the Parish Council had also received from the LLFA about the drainage concerns raised, were noted. Discussion about the 23rd January 2024 ESC Planning Committee followed, including the intention that the Parish Council should be represented. Ms Procter was prepared to represent the Parish Council and her kind offer was unanimously accepted. Ms Procter would complete the registration form for attendance.

The LLFA response to the application was considered further. Their latest response had been that the Flood Engineer was happy with the surface water drainage design of the site, that the developers had complied with what had been required from them, and that each landowner is responsible for the management, maintenance, and to ensure both upstream and downstream landowners are not restricted from using the watercourse. Also, the Flood Engineer raised no objection to the application. Water and flood management during and following completion of the development was discussed further.

The Flood Engineer had emailed that he was happy to have a discussion with the Parish Council and perhaps take a look on site at the potentially collapsed pipe under the bridleway as this may be an action for Suffolk County Council to remediate. After discussion **it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would like to take up the offer but what does the Flood Engineer propose?** The Clerk would contact the Flood Engineer. Discussion continued about what issues to be highlighted by the Parish Council during the 3-minute slot at ESC Planning Committee meeting. These included:

- Question still remains for SCC Highways about the £100,000 CIL requested for improved pedestrian facilities to from the site to local amenities, including bus stops.
- There is no footway and SCC Highways have stated no possibility of footway on The Hill.
- Concern at parking provision and impact on local highways as a result.
- Impact on Quiet Lane status.
- Could a site meeting by the Planning Committee be requested to draw attention to the highway safety concerns raised, including about The Hill?
- Photo of fire engine stuck on The Hill August 2023 should be displayed at the Committee meeting. **There was unanimous agreement.** The Clerk would submit an online copy and provide 9 hard copies for Ms Procter's representation to members of Planning Committee at 23rd January meeting.
- Disagree with statements in the Planning Considerations of the Report of the Head of Planning and Coastal Management for the Committee meeting, including:
 - 6.18 Parking – disagree that development is unlikely to result in additional pressure on Keightley Way.
 - 6.19 Cycling and Walking Strategy - disagree that the proposal is considered to support and improve pedestrian access links when it also states the recommendations in the SPD are not requirements or policy but rather a 'wish list' of improvements.

- Questions still remain about access to the site during construction, if the development goes ahead, via an alternative route – Poplar Farm? This might at least alleviate some of the concerns about the construction of the site from local residents?
- Could the Planning Committee be asked about this as a condition if the application is approved?
- Could construction access to the site be part of the management plan?
- Could the Planning Committee consider ‘No entry for site traffic on The Hill’ if the application is approved?
- Doubt was raised on anyone being prepared to step forward as a focal point to raise any ongoing issues or queries with the developer during the build.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would concentrate on the highway safety and access issues to the Keightley Way site as there was a limit of 3 minutes for the representation. Ms Procter and Mr Bird agreed to liaise after the meeting to agree the specific wording.

The Clerk was instructed to email the outcome of the response from the SCC Flood Engineer to the resident that had raised the issue prior to the December 2023 meeting.

Mr Hedgley gave his apologies and left the meeting.

- 6. To consider highway issues related to the Grundisburgh Rd landslip** The matter was discussed but it was understood that the highway had been reopened a little earlier that day. There followed discussion about how extremely disappointing it had been at how the whole matter had been handled by Highways. Villagers had attempted to support the road being closed but endeavours had become untenable and sympathy towards the closure had been lost due to the lack of advanced notices of the closure. It was understood that this had resulted in motorists not realising the road was closed until almost at the site of the road closure and hence more likely to remove the safety barriers.
- 7. To consider the Grass cutting contract and setting of the Parish Council precept** There was unanimous agreement to approve the appointment of East Suffolk Services to continue with the grass cutting contract. The Clerk was authorised to sign the terms and conditions on behalf of the Parish Council. There was also unanimous approval for the 2024-25 precept amount of £6,230 which had been considered at the December 2023 meeting. The Clerk would return the completed precept request to East Suffolk Council based on £6,230.
- 8. To consider the Ipswich Borough consultation on Planning application IP/23/00977/REM – Land to the South of Railway line Westerfield Rd Ipswich.** After consideration there were no comments to put forward.
- 9. Items for the next Agenda** Community Partnership and other Items to be advised.
- 10. Date of next meeting** 5th March 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Mrs C Frost - Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin