

MINUTES OF EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

Held on Monday 26th September at 7.30pm

AT EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present:, Cllrs Richard Tinkler (Chair) John Hulme, (Vice Chair) Andrew Patterson, Lucy Murrell, Celia Peacher, David Grose, Mark Rutherford

Clerk Jane Page

Public 12 members of public - The Clerk has the list of names

Mr C Sharpe expressed his concerns at DC/16/3595 stating that the legislation covered B1 (A) Office only but some units are not office and in 2009 change of use was sought for the premises now used as an acupuncture centre. Other non office units are K9 Hydrotherapy, Suffolk Dog Groomers, McTimony, and the Radio Castle recording studio. He commented that this was development by stealth. Three criterias of planning are Highways, Flooding and Environment but contamination of the pond and from the printing works are not included. He suggests a survey should be done.

1. Apologies – Cllr Pratt sent apologies which were accepted by council

2. Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest

3. Matters for debate:

DC/16/3595/FUL Land S Glebe Cottage - plot 6 - erection of detached 4 bed house and attached double garage - *There were no objections to this application*

DC/16/3648 PN3 Prior approval for the conversion of existing B1 (a) offices to residential under class O of current GPDO 1-23 Earl Soham Business Centre

Earl Soham Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:

The legislation covered B1 (A) Office only but some units are not office and in 2009 change of use was sought for the premised now used as an acupuncture centre. Other non office units are K9 Hydrotherapy, Suffolk Dog Groomers, McTimony, and the Radio Castle recording studio, also Earl Soham Veterinary premises (currently an empty unit.) Three criterias of planning are Highways, Flooding and Environment with possible contamination of the pond and from the printing works are not included. The council agreed that a baseline survey should be sought before any building work take place.

Cllr Rutherford read an email by the owners of Earl Soham Lodge and their comments are included in the parish objection:

Earl Soham Lodge is a Grade 1 listed building whose setting merits protection. The building will be overbearing, it will damage property value, a moat (scheduled monument) bounds this site.

Consultation on planning for increase size of primary school car park ref SCC/0176/16 - *The council support extending the car park*

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

