

# **EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes for ESPC 20/07/17 at 19.30 ES Village Hall**

Attending Chairman David Grose and Councillors, Mark Rutherford, Celia Peacher, Anna Goymer, Neil Warden, John Starke, Andrew Patterson and Clerk Guy Harvey

Public; 5 members of the public ( names held by chair)

DG Opened the meeting at 19.30 welcoming everyone he also sent his condolences from everyone at the council to Lucy and Roger on the recent bereavement of Billy Longstaff

1 Apologies: from Peter and of course Lucy Murrell

2 Declaration of interest: from Neil Warden ref DC/17/2645/FUL Mr B Hinton

3 Minutes from 10/06/2017: Approved and signed

Meeting suspended at 19.40 to discuss Mint Fitness application and reconvened at 20.00

4 Planning application DC/17/2645/FUL DG: Introduced the new application. JS said that the existing constraints on opening hours were being flaunted at the moment. On questioning the operator confirmed that if the application was successful then they would continue to operate outside the hours applied for. JS said that would mean the PC were complicit in flaunting planning application rules and would set a precedent for any future applications. CP,AG, MR all commented and agreed with JS. As the original application had been objected to by SCDC noise abatement department, DG asked what had changed on this point since then. The applicant confirmed nothing had changed. After further debate DG summoned up the application regarding hours, noise, traffic and vehicle movement and confirmed that nothing had substantially changed, and the operating of the business outside agreed hours were a large concern for the PC, and on this basis he proposed that the application be objected to again. The PC voted unanimously to object.

5 ESBC: DG has nothing to report BH agrees but discussions are ongoing

6 Neighbourhood Plan Update: MR 2 meetings have been held and a committee has been put in place Chairman Chris Sharpe Vice Chair Mark Rutherford. They have disused various ideas of getting the parish involved and people to talk about there views, a stand will be at the ES village fete to inform as many as possible of how important is is to participate maybe a page in the parish magazine and a Facebook page. A logo has been agreed so this connects people with the Neighbourhood Plan monthly meetings are planned

7 Traffic and Speeding issues update: JS Made the following statement: I am sure numerous residents are concerned about the effect of traffic passing through our village. The increased speed, volume and size of the vehicles continues to worry many of us, and the email I received from Adam and Kerry Pierson of Yew Tree farm house bears witness to the

deterioration of traffic management and subsequent increases in potential safety issues in the village. In order to get a consensus of parishioners views, I propose that the parish council send out a questionnaire to all households to get a clear picture of the main concerns and to give people the opportunity to raise traffic related issues that perhaps have not been considered.

Whilst I appreciate that national legislation often dictates how traffic should be managed on our roads and through our villages, if in the future we need to approach the Highways Agency together with the District and County Councils, I feel it would be better if we already have a clear mandate from our parishioners about what improvements they would like to see.

Let us act before there is a serious accident rather than after.

NW reported that he was hit by an articulated lorry going around the village green corner and mounted the pavement it was only by luck he wasn't hurt the incident has been reported to the police. AG feels very strongly that we need to deal with pedestrians walking their children to and from school. If we get data what will we be able to do with it? CP a questionnaire would show the parishioners that we are concerned about the traffic flow.

It was agreed by all that a questionnaire was a good idea and for JS to talk to Highways and find out what they look for

8 Finance matters: GH Finance report "attached". The Allotments Lease from Townlands Trust was signed by the Chairman follow agreement by the Parish Council. 2016/17 accounts sent to internal auditors for finalising. MR asked for separate bank account for the Neighbourhood Plan

9 Correspondence: LCPAS returned accounts ready for external auditors BDO. Neil Warden has been elected Chairman of ES Village Hall all at ESPC wish him well in his new post there. All banking correspondence now being sent to clerk although district council correspondence still going to old parish clerk.

The Chairman Thanked everyone for their support and coming to the meeting

Meeting closed at 20.45

Signed

Date

