**GREAT BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th March 2017 at the Village Hall

**Present**:

Councillors: Simon Kiddy (Chairman), Karina Joyce (Vice-Chairman), Helen Bennett, Anne Smith, Pat Spires. Also St Edmundsbury Borough Councillor Jane Midwood (part) and Clerk John Barnett. Between 40 -50 members of the public were also present.

**Open Forum:**

The Chairman welcomed all the people to the meeting and reminded everyone that the Parish Council is only a consultee on planning applications and thus can only give an opinion. That opinion is sometimes followed by St Edmundsbury Borough Council and sometimes not. He said that everyone would have a chance to speak if they wished but first he would ask Charles Ryder to outline the proposal and answer some of the questions that were raised at the meeting last week. Charles Ryder explained how the current proposal at Yew Tree Cottage fitted in with the history of the village which had seen varying population levels but in more recent decades had seen the village grow with developments at Evergreen Lane, Clarendale and then Fox Green. He said that the proposal had caused concerns with regard to the 'Affordable Housing' element. This housing would not come under the aegis of 'Social Housing' and would therefore be able to offer housing to those either currently resident in the Parish, previously resident, employed in the Parish or close relatives with someone currently in the Parish. This would be managed either by a specialist provider in the field or perhaps even by himself. He said concerns had been expressed about the effect on the landscape but he argued that he felt it would improve the landscape up to Water Lane House.

The Chairman then asked for others to have their say. Several people expressed themselves against the proposal with concerns some of which were over lack of public transport, extra traffic on Water Lane, lack of amenities in the village, outside the Housing Settlement Boundary, safety for people trying to cross the road, which they considered dangerous, from the new development to those village amenities which existed which were on the other side of the road.

One person expressed herself in favour of the proposal and asked the meeting not to condemn young people like herself and her partner to being unable to live in the village without the affordable housing element which was part of it.

After everyone who wished to speak had had an opportunity to do so the Chairman asked for a show of hands for a vote for and against the application. In favour were 8 and the vast majority were against.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and said the Parish Council meeting would now start.

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| **Item** |  | **Action** | |
| 1 | **Apologies for absence:**  Councillor Nicky Pizey. |  | |
| 2 | **Councillors Declarations of Interest in any item on the agenda:**  None declared. |  | |
| 3 | **Minutes of the last meeting:**  The minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council on 18th January 2017 were approved and signed together with the payments approved at that meeting. |  | |
| 4 | **Matters arising from the minutes:**   1. Footpaths signage problems. Clerk said that there were a number of signage problems for which all the correct signs had now been obtained and he was waiting for a window of opportunity with Colin Potter. 2. Archive exhibition report. Councillor Spires said it had been a very successful exhibition with a reported upwards of 150 people attending. Everyone seemed to enjoy it immensely. Clerk now in process of compiling a grant application to be able to complete the digitising of all the archives to enable them to go online for the benefit of everyone. 3. Clarendale street nameplate. The new nameplate is now in place. The Council's thanks to Councillor Midwood for this. 4. The 'No through Road' sign at the B1061 junction with Evergreen lane is now in place. The Council's thanks go to Councillor Evans for this. |  | |
| 5 | **St Edmundsbury Borough Council:**  Borough Councillor Jane Midwood said that it was good to see local democracy in action with so many people attending the meeting tonight. The views of the Parish Council on this application will be listened to but there are a great number of rules and regulations regarding this type of development which will come into play. Loss of someone's view is not a material consideration and would not be taken into account. Jane said she agreed with the young people here tonight that it is a tragedy that young people cannot find homes in villages any more. Wickhambrook is a good example of where there are affordable homes for local people. | |  |  |
| 6 | **Suffolk County Council:**  Councillor Mary Evans had sent a report:  *I have only recently discovered there has been a change of personnel in the police speed enforcement team. The officer in charge of deploying the speed camera vehicles has left and the officer leading the team is on an extended career break. I have had email contact with the acting team leader who seems much more proactive and wanting to work with local communities so I am arranging a meeting.*  *I have also spoken with our local police inspector Danny Cooper about crime and also about speeding*  *Please see re crime – the attached poster promoting a crime reduction event in Clare on 27 March. Please could you put this on your parish website/village facebook page*  *Re speeding he asks that in future you send him details of the VAS data findings so he can arrange local speed enforcement*  *His email address is* [*Daniel.Cooper@suffolk.pnn.police.uk*](mailto:Daniel.Cooper@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)  *Scrutiny has again been looking at how to improve our contracting and procurement and we are agreeing to set up a councillor advisory panel.* |  | |
| 7 | **Highways matters:**  The flooding situation at Spring Barn continues although there has been some improvement. Clerk said that he had been to a SALC area meeting in Freckenham the previous evening where the Highways Deputy Director had given a presentation part of which referred to flooding. Their priority is with household flooding and then they have many hundreds of roadside flooding areas to attend to. It could be some time before Spring Barn can be looked at.  The new white lining at the Karro crossroads in Little Wratting has been put in place. |  | |
| 8 | **Planning applications:**  DC/17/0308/9/LB + FUL - Yew Tree Cottage:   1. Single storey rear extension (demolition of existing single storey lean-to) and new cartlodge to replace existing. Refurbishment of cottage and internal alterations. This was agreed by the Council as fully approved . 2. Nine additional dwellings on land adjacent to Yew Tree Cottage. The Council decided they were not against the application in principle and especially the affordable housing but they felt it was in the wrong place being the other side of the B1061. They felt it would be difficult to cross the road to existing services, there would be extra traffic on Water Lane, safety and lack of services in the village was a concern and a lack of public transport in the village.  The Chairman called a vote and there were 4 against the application and one for. | Clerk  Clerk | |
| 9 | **Correspondence:**   1. The Mayor of St Edmundsbury Borough Council has written to ask if Great Bradley Parish Council would like the Mayor's presence this year at any of their functions. This was discussed and it was decided that it would be good to have the Mayor at the 'Big Lunch' on June 11th. 2. Information received regarding the bonfire beacons that are to be lit again to commemorate the end of WW1 in 2018. It was thought that the annual Bonfire Night could be used as part of this. | Clerk | |
| 10 | **Village Hall:**  Clerk said that the PAT testing, fire alarm and possibly the heating switch replacement cover are still to do. The fire alarm is an unknown situation as to what the problem is and could mean a complete new panel. Clerk said he is disputing an invoice sent on the previous works. | Clerk | |
| 11 | **Recreation Area:**   1. The Big Lunch/Horkey has been set for June 11th. Clerk said he had agreed with the Hog Roast provider a fee of £650 for which she will provide 145 free hog roast rolls with stuffing if required. It was agreed to print 145 tickets giving free hog roast rolls and these should be offered to Great Bradley families first with a maximum of 6 free tickets per household. Ticket holders will receive a free hog roast roll and all others (non-ticket holders) will need to pay £3.30 each directly to the Hog Roast provider. It was agreed that everyone attending should be asked to bring a dessert or cheeses to share (as per the Big Lunch requirement). The £150 remaining from the grant has to be spent and will be used for plates/cutlery/wines etc. 2. Metal glade edging. Clerk said that he had spoken to Charles Ryder he is ok with Stephen to assist with the installation of this. Clerk to organise with Stephen | Clerk  Clerk | |
| 12 | **Standing Orders review:**  The Chairman asked for a small change to the revised Financial Standing Orders which was approved by Councillors. This was then signed.  The Model Standing Orders that had been modified by the Clerk to be more suitable for a small council was accepted and signed by the Chairman. |  | |
| 13 | **Finance:**  Accounts for approval/payment. A total of 10 payments to a value of £739.73 was approved. | Clerk | |
| 14 | **Project List:**  Councillor Kiddy ran through the latest updated Project List. The Standing Orders were now done and Councillor Bennett said that she and Councillor Smith had refurbished the Willow Dome with another 50+ whips. | Clerk | |
| 15 | **Matters for consideration at the next meeting or to note:**  Councillor Bennett said that the Village Hall was losing the Slimming World contract due to the trainer having to leave due to other commitments. No replacement has been found. Councillor Bennett said that they were hoping to interest U3A.  There are 9 allotments in use out of a total of 16 and it is to be put on Facebook to publicise their availability. |  | |
| 16 | **Village events notified:**  17th March - Cheese and Wine at Village Hall 7.30pm  23rd March - 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' drop in the Village Hall 2.30pm  1st April - litter pick assemble at Village Hall 10am - free refreshments after  11th June - Horkey/Big Lunch on Recreation Area |  | |
| 17 | **Dates for next meetings:**  The next meeting dates are: 26th April (Annual Village Meeting), 17th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting), 28th June (approve 2016/17 accounts before 30th June deadline), 13th September and 15th November |  | |
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There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm