

MINUTES OF AN INFORMAL MEETING OF KIMBERLEY & CARLETON FOREHOE PARISH COUNCILLORS HELD ON SATURDAY 24TH JULY 2021 AT 10.30AM

The decisions below were made in consultation with the councillors present, with formal decisions delegated to the Clerk and ratified at the next formal Parish Council meeting.

Present: Colin House (Chairman)
Joy Smiley
Jane Fraser
Catherine Moore, Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Val Evans and Graham Mann.

2. Planning

a) New Applications

2021/1322 Mushroom Unit, Wymondham Road, Kimberley: Change of use of agricultural general purpose building to Class E(G) and B8 use.

It was noted that the previous application had been withdrawn as the planning department had said it needed a full planning application. It was **agreed** to respond with no objections. **ACTION: Clerk**

2021/1461 & 1462 Park Farm, Norwich Road, Kimberley: Replace existing conservatory with orangery, internal alterations and installation of dormer windows and rooflights.

It was noted that the property had not had much maintenance over the years, so these alterations were necessary. It was **agreed** to respond with no objections. **ACTION: Clerk**

3. Other Matters

a) Drainage Scheme, The Green, Kimberley

The drainage scheme was noted, and feedback was given that the field in front of Oak Lodge is discharging water onto the frontage of Oak Lodge and onto the highway, however we've been told by Kimberley Farms that there is a drain from the corner of the field which runs across the front verge of Oak Lodge and Green Farm and joins the gully which then transfers to south side of the B1108. This appears not to be working and needs investigation. **ACTION: Clerk**

b) Feedback from Speed Camera Visits

The feedback from the speed camera visits was noted. Councillors felt that there had been more visits than reported. It was noted that traffic had increased significantly since the end of June, and that the late night agricultural traffic needed to be monitored if a late visit was possible. The Clerk was asked to request a visit during the morning and evening rush hours. It would be useful to know what time of day they visited. **ACTION: Clerk**

c) Feedback for Garvestone Parish Council on traffic issues

Colin hadn't been able to engage with this for personal reasons. The traffic moving through to Wymondham, as well as that from Richard Long, was causing problems. The railway bridges needed priority signage as there was no indication of which vehicle was entitled to pass. This was a particular problem with lorries and large vehicles. There were a lot of pedestrians and cyclists on the road, and there were no refuges for them. The route needed to be driven and problems identified, with traffic

being directed to the southern bypass. It was expected that the A47 works would prevent HGVs going through Barnham Broom, and suggested that a new private road could be put in by Longs onto Tuttle Lane. The hedges and verges on the roadside were causing visibility problems. The Clerk was asked to email Garvestone explaining that the Chairman had been ill, but that he was happy to continue to discuss this. Joy Smiley offered to assist with this. **ACTION: Clerk**

d) A47 / Western Link Update

Jane Fraser reported that a meeting had taken place at the end of June. Jane would be circulating the presentation to councillors. The outline business case had been approved and the preferred contractor appointed. A further public consultation would take place in September, with the planning application going in early 2022, public enquiry late 2022, with construction 2023 to 2025.

Traffic south of the A47 was being modelled, and this had not been as they had expected. Projections for 2025 with and without the NWL had been modelled. The vehicle numbers were shared. An HGV ban in key areas was being pursued, and other mitigation was being pushed. It was felt that the Mattishall roundabout needed to be addressed, as it would be used as a turnaround. The road wasn't in quite the right place but was the only option.

Various options were tested with some causing wider problems. Mitigation for the villages was now being negotiated and would also be modelled. It was hoped that Barnham Broom would see an HGV ban, 30mph and further mitigation. This would need to be maintained further down the roads, including 30mph on Tuttle Lane, and improving the blind junction from Barnham Broom Road onto Tuttle Lane. The next meeting would be in August, and was nearing discussion on mitigation for the individual villages. George Freeman MP and his office had been very supportive. It was noted that the dialogue needed to continue after the road had been built, as if mitigation was not working, further discussion would be needed.

It was felt that the Capricorn Motorhomes should be required to use the A11, not the villages.

e) South Norfolk Council Housing Allocations Consultation

It was noted that planned housing development could increase traffic through the village. It was noted that the Local Plan was suggesting that villages could have up to five dwellings built.

The three sites in Barnham Broom were considered, and the site on Bell Road for 45 dwellings would see a significantly increased number of vehicles in the villages. The junction would need significant improvement.

Concerns about increased traffic, safety, and appropriateness of junction. Can the school cope? Already nearing capacity.

Barford and Wicklewood may also contribute towards issues of traffic through the B1108 and using the smaller roads.

The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerk to Barnham Broom Parish Council to ask for their response to the consultation and sites. **ACTION: Clerk**

f) Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Scheme

Nothing to be applied for.

The meeting closed at 11.50am

CHAIRMAN