

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PLANNING COMMITTEE of Fenstanton Parish Council Fenstanton & Hilton Primary School, Fenstanton Monday 13 November 2017 at 19.00.

Present: Cllr Lee (Committee Chairman)
Cllr Caswell
Cllr Kent
Cllr White

In Attendance: James Griffiths – Senior Planning Manager – Kier Living
Steve Daniels – planning application
Miss A Eggett (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Dartford and Henderson

2 Declarations of interest

None.

3 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 July 2017

These were approved and signed.

Proposed: Cllr. Kent Seconded: Cllr. Caswell Vote: All in favour.

4 Matters arising from the minutes.

None.

5 Kier Living

Mr Griffiths began with a presentation of plans and an update for all present:

5.1 A14 / Dairy Crest Slip Road HGV restriction

Mr Griffiths talked through the plans he had with him including one for narrowing the road. Keir were suggesting the construction of a footpath and cycleway; the easiest and cheapest way to do this would be apply paint lines and cross hatching. This along with appropriate signage would ensure enough room for two way traffic but not for HGVs to park at the side of the road. Kier were keen to get approval for this as quickly as possible. *Costs would be in the region of £32,000.*

A second option of adding a thin block of kerbing would double the cost and this option would have to be lit. Costs for this would be in the region of £72,000. Mr Griffiths hoped that the Parish Council would agree to use some CIL money due next year so that a footpath and cycleway could be started. The Clerk circulated the CIL payment breakdown received from Mr Griffiths.

Cllr Caswell proposed that the extending the cycleway to join up with the official cycle route that already runs through the High Street. Mr Griffiths confirmed he would find out from Highways if the plan could be extended and the practicalities of extending the cycle path to the junction. All agreed this was a good idea. A decision about which version would be made later.

Cllr Lee confirmed that the Councillors felt very positive about the second proposal but that this would have to be put to both the Finance & Constitution Committee and Full Council. The latter did not meet until January 2018. Cllr Kent pointed out that HDC would also be receiving CIL money from the development and should be approached for a contribution. Councillors agreed but felt that this possibility should not slow up considerations.

5.2 **Open Spaces and their adoption**

Mr Griffiths explained that the green ringed areas of open spaces would be offered firstly to the Parish Council and then to HDC. If neither organisation were interested Kier would appoint a management company (which was their preference) as the areas included a surface water pond and newts).

Cllr White felt the best possible solution to this would be for Kier to appoint a management company to look after the open spaces. All agreed.

Proposed: Cllr. White Seconded: Cllr. Kent Vote: All in favour.

- 5.2.1 Mr Griffiths also explained that Great Crested Newts had been found in the pond and a new pond had been created for them. There was likely to be more work in this area but Kier would not be able to cover the cost of infrastructure work here (between £30,000 and £40,000). They would look at this, however, should the Fenstanton Village Hall Trust (FVHT) decide to use this area. The Councillors confirmed they were not at present aware of any plans. Mr Griffiths confirmed that the illustrative landscape scheme initially submitted which included appropriate trees would be used should the FVHT not want the area.

5.3 **Ongoing Archaeological Works**

Mr Griffiths confirmed that eleven bodies from Roman Times had been found so far. HDC had been very involved in the dig and asked for further works. The bodies would eventually be taken to county archives. Also uncovered were a quality of coins and brooches and an old well. Kier would be working with HDC archaeologist to publicize a presentation on the finds to be made to school children on 13 December. The Parish Council would be able to help with this once details are finalised. None of the finds had been so significant that they delayed works; it was hoped to begin in early December.

5.4 **Works to Highway Trees**

Mr Griffiths confirmed work to highway trees would be ongoing. Only one tree had been lost during development and two more of poor quality would be removed near a footpath in the near future. All the trees on the plans were Highways responsibility. Some had been lost in the top end (orchard) area of the site during storms but these will be tidied up. More works will be required here once FVHC had commented.

- 5.5 Mr Griffiths informed Councillors that construction management would have a cleaning vehicle in action as necessary
- 5.6 Cllr Kent commented that he felt the way Kier had conducted the relationship with the Parish Council had been excellent. All agreed.

Mr Griffiths then left the meeting.

The meeting was reopened at 19.42.

6 Planning Application: 17/02121/HHFUL

Extension of existing single storey garage at rear of existing garage - 39 Greenfields
This had been dealt with prior to this meeting and approved.

7 Planning application: 17/02201/HHFUL

Erection of two dwellings on land south of 10 Greenfields, St Ives.
There were no concerns about this plan and it was approved.

Proposed: Cllr. White Seconded: Cllr. Kent Vote: All in favour.

Mr Daniels left the meeting

8 Parish matters to note - parking

- 8.1 Cllr Kent confirmed he was in touch with Cllr Mead about the bungalow on the High Street. Cllr Mead would be contacting Morris Homes to establish if they owned it. He would also check internally at HDC. Cllrs Kent and Mead would take this further.
- 8.2 It was pointed out that parking enforcement companies may not be an ideal solution to the problem of cars parking at the Clock Tower as they would not be very conscientious if there was not much money to be made in fines. Councillors felt it would be worthwhile putting up signage about the time limit. It was also felt worthwhile asking Mo's Motors staff not to park here but to use Chequer Street car park.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.05

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