

Minutes of Extraordinary Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham on Thursday 6th August 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Morris (Chair), Collier, Collinson, Heydon and McCarthy and Clerk (Jo Brook) and Assistant Clerk (Sam McManners)

In attendance: 31 members of the public

- 15/207. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – Cllr Morris thanked the public for attending. **Apologies accepted from Cllrs Berenger (holiday), Bolitho (work), Mudd (holiday), Richards (personal), Ward (holiday) and Young (holiday).**
- 15/208. Public participation – Standing Orders to be suspended** – Resident from Rampton Road spoke to raise concerns about numbers at the primary school; couldn't see how there would be sufficient room for additional pupils given the constraints. Concerns also raised about the site visibility and that it would be difficult to screen – the village plan wanted to keep hedgerows around the village to maintain the character. Another resident spoke re. Northstowe traffic flow and flooding - we don't know what the implications of Northstowe will be on Cottenham so it would be prudent to wait until that is built. Resident spoke re. traffic volume on Rampton Road – there would be a significant increase and there are already speed and flow issues. Resident spoke re. the population increase and risk of Cottenham becoming a town. The current health care facilities don't have capacity for current residents let alone additional ones.
- 15/209. To accept Declarations of Interest** - To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting – no declarations by those present.
- 15/210. Gladman Development Limited Planning Application** – NB: It was clarified that as per policy only those Cllrs present need make a Declaration of Interest. Cllr Collinson said that residents can give their comments to SCDC directly. For the benefit of residents Cllr Morris outlined who Gladman were and what their role was in the potential development. Also advised that SCDC have 13 weeks to respond to the application and during that time it will come before CPC. We will then assess the application against the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) before giving our recommendation to SCDC who will have the final say on the matter.
Resolution to hold a public meeting to hear resident's views on the proposed development of land off Rampton Road. **RESOLVED.** Cllr Morris stated that we would look at holding the meeting on 1st September at 7.30pm (TBC). We would provide a neutral summary of the application and invite a Gladman representative to attend. Cllr Harford arrived at 7.20pm. Cllr Morris ran through a possible outline agenda. Cllr Heydon suggested asking reps from CPS and NHS to attend however Cllr Collinson warned against 'touting' for representatives and that we shouldn't be seen to pre-determine in any way. Clerk to confirm meeting date/time via website/Facebook/noticeboards.
- 15/211. Close of Meeting** – 7.25pm.

Signed _____ (Chair) Date _____