

## Cottenham Parish Council

### Planning Minutes

Held in the Village Hall, Lambs Lane, Cottenham

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.15

**Present:** Cllrs Mudd (Chair), Berenger, Bolitho, Collier, Collinson, Heydon, Morris, Richards, and Jo Brook (Clerk)

**In attendance:** 5 members of the public

**14P/199. Any Questions from the Public or Press – Standing orders to be suspended** – Resident spoke regarding drainage problems on Long Drove. In August he noticed water in the ditch along Long Drove which runs adjacent to his property. There has never been water in that ditch for the past 30 years. He spoke to the technical department at DWH and they have said that water will be going into these ditches despite some of the ditches only being a few inches deep. The resident also stated that his land had become boggy since groundworks had commenced and that it was affecting his sewage system. Land belonging to Aldridges has also been affected. He has been informed that the houses are being built ½m higher than the surrounding land due to flooding issues. His opinion was that the water should go along Beach Road instead where there is a proper culvert and that essentially the ditch on Long Drove was unsuitable. NB: SCDC Cllr Harford has been in touch with the case officer to arrange a site visit because the conditions re. drainage have yet to be discharged.

Residents spoke regarding the mobile phone mast application. They are concerned about the position of the mast given the increased population in the vicinity since it was installed. Fears were raised over research into increased radiation from 3/4G. When they bought their properties they were told that the mast was inactive.

**14P/200. Standing Orders re-instated - Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – Cllr Mudd mentioned a meeting to be held the following week to discuss the forthcoming Millfield appeal. Clerk to advise date. Apologies accepted from Cllrs Beckford, Leeks, Young and SCDC Cllr Harford. It was noted that Cllr Morris would be arriving later.

**14P/201. Declarations of Interest** *To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting* – None.

**14P/202. Planning Applications for consideration**

- S/1919/14/FL - Replace existing 15m pole and antennas (17.7m to top) with new 14.3m pole and antennas (17.5m to top), and replace existing equipment cabinet with new equipment cabinet - S H Watson & Co, 172 High Street, Cottenham – The mast has been in situ for a long time and was originally installed without issue because it fell outside planning requirements. Cllr Collinson mentioned that other masts around the village were higher. Cllr Morris joined the meeting at 7.47pm. PC should question whether the location was suitable under new planning regulations. CPC recommends refusal on the following grounds: concern over the location of the mast in what is now a heavily populated area. Additionally there are other masts outside of the village that could be utilised.
- S/1873/14/LB – Remove a section of gable wall at ground floor level & rebuild in brickwork – White Cottage, 82 High Street, Cottenham – CPC recommends approval.

#### Tree Orders

- 263/265 High Street, Cottenham – fell leylandii cypress hedge, crown reduction to apple tree, fell plum tree, pruning of magnolia, sectionally dismantle ash, fell apple tree (265 High St) – Cllr Bolitho raised concerns over the lack of information on the application, specifically information on the variety of the trees, why the work was being undertaken and why the applicant was applying for work to a neighbouring property. CPC recommends refusal on this basis.

**14P/203. Drainage issues at DWH development site, corner of Beach Road/Long Drove** – to consider raising drainage issues with the developer - Cllr Collinson outlined the issues at the site. The ditch itself is in need of maintenance. Drainage was never raised as an issue during the initial application discussions. Cllr

Richards confirmed that by using soakaways the water should go into the substructure but the road drainage would be an issue. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the developer, Bidwells and SCDC drainage officer (Pat Matthews). Resident was thanked for raising the matter.

**14P/204. Date of next meeting** – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014 (Cllr Collier gave apologies).

**14P/205. Close of meeting** – 8.36pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair) Date \_\_\_\_\_

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