

**DRAFT Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**

Meeting held in the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Cottenham on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs Smith (Chair), Collinson, Graves, Morris, Ward, Young and the Clerk

**In attendance:** 3 members of the public

**20P/031. Chairman's Introduction and Apologies** – Apologies accepted from Cllr Wilson (holiday).

**20P/032. Any Questions from the Public or Press** – Standing Orders suspended 7.34pm. No comments from the public at this time. Standing Orders reinstated 7.34pm.

**20P/033. To accept Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** – None given.

**20P/034. Minutes** – Minor typo corrected. Resolution that the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be signed as a correct record. **RESOLVED.**

**20P/035. Neighbourhood Plan Referendum campaign** – consider measures to explain the meaning and likely effect of the NP's 23 planning policies – Cllr Morris ran through the report. Publicity ideas include: display copy of Plan to be located in Library and Community Centre. Public 3 arrived 7.41pm. Cllr Morris to contact ambassadors asking them to spread the word; posters in shops/public places inc. CVC and churches; social media campaign; use of networks i.e. sports clubs. Need to encourage residents to vote by post (cut off 11 days before referendum) or proxy vote (cut off 5 working days before referendum). Consider press release to local newspapers and radio.

**20P/036. Redrow** – Consider possible grounds and next steps regarding Judicial Review of Planning Committee decisions regarding S/2549/19/RM and S/2679/19/RM – Report noted. Standing Orders suspended 8.03pm. Public 2, who attended the SCDC Planning Committee, noted that SCDC didn't want to defer due to possible non-determination or object since the application could go to appeal which only left them with one option. Considered Redrow's excuse regarding why they couldn't make the site permeable as pathetic. There was an assertion that the permission regarding the access at outline stage couldn't be varied; would like legal confirmation that this is correct. Could traffic be directed to the primary access by other means? Cllr Morris commented that SCDC were conscious of losing their 5 year housing supply. Noted that nobody from County Highways attended the Planning Committee. At best we could get the decision referred back to Committee. Public 3 was representing the Few's Lane Consortium. Their opinion was that there was a departure from the Local Plan, the weight afforded to the Neighbourhood Plan may not have been enough and possible errors or misleading statements in the Case Officer report; all of these could be worth looking at further. Public 2 stated that he would like to see a review of the SCDC decision. Standing Orders reinstated 8.12pm. Discussion regarding cost of a judicial review, pros and cons of doing, what it would change practically and if it's worth doing. Resolution to seek legal advice from Philip Kratz (or other) regarding grounds for judicial review of SCDC decision for Redrow Homes and the benefits that might arise from that (subject to Terms of Reference of the Planning Committee). **RESOLVED.**

**20P/037. Enforcement** – consider updates from Enforcement Officers and additional items for enforcement – Case 3/18: Clerk to ask District Cllrs to put pressure on Officers. The response from them is unsatisfactory and more could and should be done. Case 11/18: this is a curtilage wall of a listed building; comment required from Conservation Officer. Case 3/19: when will we receive further information? Case 4/19: land in front of gate is now designated a Local Green Space. Clerk to send letter to resident requesting that gate is removed. Case 9/19: loose gravel isn't allowed on a driveway; Highways to be contacted for comment.

**20P/038. Date of next meeting** – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**20P/039. Close of meeting** – 8.50pm.

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