

RICKINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 4 August 2016

Main Hall, Rickinghall Village Hall

Present: Cllr Gillian Crossley-Holland Cllr Dominic Ebert
Cllr Rosemary Jones Cllr Geoff Short
Cllr Sally Smith

22 Members of the public

7.30pm The Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Robin Brown
2. **Magazine Input:** Cllr Short.
3. **Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None.
4. **Public Forum:** 7.32pm RESOLVED, with all in favour, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. *There were a number of comments on each application. Concerns were expressed about the possible enlargement of the caravan site at a later date if it was agreed, which the Chairman explained could not be taken into account in making the decision, and about traffic issues, especially the lack of passing places. With regard to the Garden House Lane application, it was felt that it had generally moved in the right direction from the previous application with a reduction in number of houses. However, there were still concerns about passing places, the location of the access road and the construction of a footway.* The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.10pm.
5. **Planning:**
 - 5.1 **Planning Applications:**
 - 5.1.1 **Land to the Rear of Willowmere, Garden House Lane, Rickinghall.** Ref. 2798/16. Application for outline planning permission for the demolition of existing garage and stores associated with builders yard and erection of 10 dwellings and associated garages with offsite associated highway works. The Council RESOLVED, with all in favour, to accept the application noting the following concerns and comments; 1) Use of a new access road to the site was thought to be not appropriate when an access road already exists. The proposed road brings the traffic to the development closer to the neighbouring properties. 2) Footpath on Garden House Lane - concerns about room for construction and legal ownership of the verges for construction of the footpath 3) A long passing place for vehicles to pass is favoured by the residents at the top of the lane near the proposed development so that several cars could pass each other safely.
 - 5.1.2 **Barn Owl Meadow, Newdelight Road, Rickinghall.** Ref. 2807/16. Change of use of the land to a touring caravan site, including the erection of a toilet block. Due to the fact there was only a single track road with no passing places, it was thought the additional traffic would cause problems, particularly when towing caravans, and the road already had HGV traffic with lorries accessing a pig unit and a poultry unit. Residents expressed concerns that there were verges and ditches each side which would prevent passing. Suffolk Highways had also commented that the road appeared to be unsuitable. The Council therefore RESOLVED, with 3 against the application and 2 in favour, to object.
 - 5.2 **Notice of Intent works to tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.
 - 5.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.
6. **Items for the next meeting:** None.
7. **Next Meeting:** 1 September 2016

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.