

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting of Great Witchingham Parish Council
held at
Great Witchingham Village Hall on Thursday 22 February 2018 at 7:30pm.

Present

Ms Jane Wisbey – Chairman

Mr David Beaumont
Mr Ray Gribble

Mr Herbie Burton
Mr Alex Manson

In Attendance

Mrs Patricia Kirby – Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer
14 Members of the Public

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. She explained the reason for calling this meeting and the procedure which will apply.

The local plan, which will cover the period to 2036, will set out a vision and strategy for growth and include policies which will be used to determine planning applications in the Greater Norwich area. The plan will identify sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure and sets out what is going to be developed, where it will happen and how it will be achieved.

At this stage this is for views on 3 proposed sites for development in the village and on sites of other surrounding parishes if any that could have an impact on the village. This meeting is for the Parish Council to hear the views of its residents and to consider those views when formulating its view.

93. Apologies for Absence

All members present.

94. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and other interests

None declared.

95. Public Participation

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Burton it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned to allow for public participation. The Chairman clarified the Parish Council does not own site GNLP0548 titled Council Field. Representations were made for the three proposed sites in respect of current infrastructure and services and lack of amenity. Development in the village in the appropriate location would be welcomed providing the concerns were met.

96. Greater Norwich Local Plan Regulation 18

Site Proposals. Much discussion took place on the sites proposed
GNLP0548 – The Council Field.

RESOLVED to object

This is an inappropriate place for development of any kind. The condition of Heath Lane is of narrow width and does currently not support two way traffic and the current dangers would be exacerbated by any future development and an increase in the volume of vehicles. The access from Heath Lane onto A1067 is obscured due to poor visual splays and limited sight of oncoming vehicles from Sparham Hill..

GNLP0586 – Land North of Council Field, Heath Lane (west of Hall Walk)

RESOLVED to object

This is an inappropriate place for development of any kind however use for public open space would be considered as acceptable provided access was from the existing PROW via Hall Walk or the village hall site. The condition of Heath Lane is of narrow width and does currently not support two way traffic and the current dangers would be exacerbated by an increase in the volume of vehicles or parking of vehicles wishing to use the site. The access from Heath Lane onto A1067 is obscured due to poor visual splays and limited sight of oncoming vehicles from Sparham Hill..

GNLP0608 – Bridge Farm Field, St Faiths Close

RESOLVED to support

Development on this site would be an extension of the current housing in St. Faiths Close. However in order for development to be in keeping with surroundings it is considered bungalows are the preferred style and should be for Social Housing for local people. Provision of open space for public amenity would be welcomed

Other proposed sites in surrounding parishes

GNLP0553 – Weston Hall Weston Longville,

RESOLVED to object

This site is unsuitable for any further development due to the traffic issues of volume and type of vehicles currently resulting in dangerous conditions at the Porters Lane and Weston Hall Road junctions with A1067.

Growth Options. No comment.

Interim Sustainability Appraisal. No comment

The Chairman gave thanks for attendance and reminded of the next meeting to be held 19 March 2018 and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Mr Ray Gribble gave apologies for that meeting.