



Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 September 2020 at 7.30pm. This was a 'Zoomed' meeting.

Present: Councillors Alex Brockhurst, Philip Eastgate, Tom Lindsay, Nigel Lucker, Trevor Orchard, Nick Stolls, Rachael Troughton, Neil Venton, Andrew Vessey and Di Warne (Chair).

Also in attendance: Andy Parris, clerk to the council.

- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 Apologies for absence: There were none.
- 3 Members' declarations of interest: There were none.
- 4 The public forum. There was no public forum.
- 5 To respond to planning applications
 - 1 DC/20/02727. Installation of air source heat pump. Vine Cottage Church Street Fressingfield IP21 5PA. The council unanimously supports this application.
 - 2 DC/20/02728. Listed Building Consent - Installation of air source heat pump – design/heritage statement. Vine Cottage, Church Street, Fressingfield. The council unanimously supports this application.
 - 3 DC/20/03457. Revised plan for 28 houses at Red House Farm, Priory Road, Fressingfield. The council recognised that many changes had been made to a prior proposal when this new application was drawn-up. As a result, some of the council's earlier concerns had been allayed. In particular, the size and position of the water attenuation ponds, the urban-like features of the estate, the mix of housing and the proximity of large houses to the boundary of existing houses.

However, what has yet to be made clear to the council is the way the new road abuts onto the public footpath no. 66. The council also needs assurances from Suffolk Highways that the splays where the entrance to the estate meets New Street (59m) are adequate for vehicles to safely leave the estate in either direction. The council noted that car parking facilities on the plans for the scouts headquarters (24 spaces) could mean that there may not be any congestion and inherent danger on the new road close to plot 28 and the entrance to Weybread Woodyard. This design solution, from 2017, needs to be implemented. The council also needs clarification about the use of the communal bin collection area close to plot 6. A decision on the application will be confirmed once the clerk has received all of this information.

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[N.B. Suffolk Highways' submission on the plans recommends refusal on numerous grounds. These include the design of the access road to the estate, the design of the roads and pathways within the estate, parking areas and the turning head close to Weybread Woodcraft, the scout headquarters and plot 28.]

- 6 Central government's consultation on the planning system. Thanks to the knowledge and expertise of councillors in planning matters, and their diligence in reading and understanding this complicated document, a draft response had been compiled. In its responses, the council is determined to raise central government's understanding that not all local communities are the same. The government should recognise that any changes to the planning process must accommodate the needs and peculiarities of a small rural community like Fressingfield.

It was agreed that, after further refinements, a draft response would be circulated amongst councillors. This would then be finalised and sent to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), the district council, and district and county councillors who represent Fressingfield. NALC has the responsibility to present the views of all local councils to central government.

This is the first of several important consultations on how best to refresh the local planning system. The outcome will affect the whole parish. It was agreed to post a copy of the council's response on the parish council's website and to 'advertise' it on the noticeboards around the village.

- 7 Matters brought to the meeting
- 1 There was a discussion about the Welcome Pack for new residents in the village. **DW to find out more about this.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed: *D.L. Warne*
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Chair

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