



EARL STONHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held at the Village Hall, Earl Stonham on **Monday, 19th August 2019 at 7.30pm.**

Present:

Councillors: C Woods (Chairman)
D Turner
J Henderson-Hamilton
H Stanford
D Brenig-Jones
K Wilkinson

In Attendance J Blackburn – Clerk

ES61/19/20 – PUBLIC FORUM

There were four members of the public present.

ES62/19/20 – APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Heard and Cllr D Brenig-Jones.

ES63/19/20 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None had been received.

ES64/19/20 – APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None had been received.

ES65/19/20 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: DC/19/03261 - Planning Application - Erection of a biomass building (retention of) - Stonham Farm, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5EF

The members of the public present, who were mostly neighbours of the site, had concerns in relation to the following:

- That the building had been built, before planning permission had been sought
- Extra lorries would be coming and going from the site, causing problems for the road itself, the verges, and also for extra traffic along what was a narrow and at times, a dangerous road
- A wider entrance would be essential to assist the lorries entering the site
- The public footpath had not been included on the map within the application, which was thought odd
- The grassed verge was becoming smaller due to the lorries entering and exiting and turning around at the site. If it was not reinforced the road would soon collapse.
- Fen Lane is getting busier and more of a danger to pedestrians, including children during school drop off and pick up times.

Whilst Members shared the above concerns;

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no objection to the application. **Clerk to action.**

Ref: DC/19/03566 - Full Planning Application - Change use of site as commercial livery and training stables and the retention of two stable buildings and a horse walker - Beechwood Farm, Forward Green, Earl Stonham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5EQ

Following a brief discussion;

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council had no objection to the application.

Ref: DC/19/03482 - Notification for Prior Approval for a Proposed change of Use of Agricultural Building to dwelling house (C3) and for associated Operational Development Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Conversion of 1No. agricultural shed to dwelling - Agricultural Outbuilding, Fen Barn, Fen Lane, Earl Stonham Suffolk IP6 8QE

Members felt that the increased number of dwellings along Fen Lane were of a concern. It would increase traffic down what was already a narrow and dangerous road.

In relation to the site as a whole and the continual stream of applications Members felt that the Planning Department was not listening to the Parish Council, or residents along Fen Lane, in expressing their continual concern for additional dwellings being added to such a road.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.

Chairman: Dated: