

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF LITCHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2021
AT 1400 hrs. as a Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

Present:

Councillor M Oldfield (Chairman)
Councillor E Christie
Councillor R Fagence
Councillor C Lawrence
Councillor M Brookbank

3 Parishioners

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Mitchell due to work commitments.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest- No Declarations were received.

3 Public Participation-The Clerk received several letters and correspondence from various parishioners, and these will be read out during each application. The parishioners that were present were reporting their views on all applications.

4 Planning: 3PL/2020/1505/F- New Access Road, off Tittleshall Road, Litcham

Councillor Oldfield reminder the Councilor that this application is just for the Access Road and doesn't refer to anything that maybe planned for the future.

Councillor Fagence and Councillor Brookbank have visited the site and are concerned about the slope being about approx. 45 degrees and will need loads of rubble to build the road. Councillor Oldfield reported that the homeowner has no other way of reaching the site and has permission to cut down the conifer trees. These trees be assessed and removed from the highways and why does the homeowner need to take heavy machinery to remove the trees within the pitt, this will need to be confirmed by the Breckland Tree preservation officer. Councillor Lawrence reported that when the homeowner had the full plot of Fourways, the applicant had the opportunity to have a shared drive but decided to blank off the access and this was his decision. A parishioner reported that this was due to the possible chance of a wall collapsing and this situation is the same, the neighboring wall might collapse if heavy machinery was to be used nearby. Councillor Brookbank reported that the track only allows for once person to walk on it and will require a big project to allow for machinery to drive down it.

This area is a bird sanctuary and hopefully this will be taken into consideration especially as two rare birds were spotted on while they were on site. Councillor Lawrence reported that bats are present flying around the trees.

A Buzzard is present and living within this site. Councillor Oldfield reported that the bird licence may have expired, the Clerk will enquire about the licence. Councillor Fagence reported that it is on the Village plan. Councillor Brookbank reported the

Tree preservation order has been placed on some trees, Councillor Kiddle-Morris confirmed these are behind the lawn and the buildings on Mileham road, this was due to a previous planning application. Councillor Kiddle-Morris reported that this site is in the conservation area and that the Tree preservation officer will be invited to comment on the application and carry out a new tree survey. Also, a report from ecology will be required to see if bats and birds are present. Councillor Kiddle-Morris will chase for a site visit to be made from the Tree preservation Officer and also suggest a construction officer to offer a design and confirm the stability of implementing a Road.

Four Councillors objected to this planning application and one Councillor abstained. The Clerk will write an objection letter and submit it to the planning application.

3PL/2020/1374/F-Change of agricultural building for the creation of Holiday Accommodation.

Applicant was granted development in June 2020, which was agreed for C1 use. Councillor Kiddle-Morris has been speaking to the planning officer and they are going to seek legal advice on how this can be overturned on fallback permission. Due to the applicant already having sought permission, the Parish Council and parishioners who would like to object, will need to consider the environment and surrounding area as the main objection reasons. It was unanimous vote to object to this planning application. The Clerk will write an objection letter to submit to the planning application.

3PL/2021/0141/D Land adjacent No 18 Wellingham Road, PE32 2QS

Councillor Oldfield reported that outline planning permission was granted back in 2017. Councillor Lawrence reported that the building was pushed to the right on the plot and Councillor Oldfield reported this may be due to following building line of existing buildings. Councillor Kiddle-Morris said it has conformed to the building lines. Four Councillors support the application and one Councillor is sustaining.

3P:/2020/1484/f Erection of dairy unit, including cattle house, milking parlour, loose yard building.

Councillor Oldfield reported that this planning application will impact Litcham due to the possible increase of traffic flow through Litcham during construction, milk collection and delivery of feed.

County Councillor Kiddle-Morris reported that District Councillor Carter is dealing with this planning application. The application is stating one tanker every two days, so will the tanker collect milk from both sites. So, questions will be asked on how many tankers and what route the tankers will take to reach both farms. The concern is narrow lanes leading to Wellingham crossroads, more details will need to be considered i.e. passing places. What route will the construction traffic take, and Councillor Kiddle-Morris will make sure that Highways will put a plan in place. Councillor Oldfield asked if we can condition a route to prevent construction traffic

going past the primary school. It is very difficult to monitor this route if it is condition, but highways will look into this further.

Meeting Closed at 15.07

