

SOUTHERY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes
Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
Monday 17 June 2019 at 7.00 pm
Southery Methodist Church, Ferry Bank Road, Southery

Present:

Cllr Alison Youngs (Chair)
Cllr Crispin Copsey
Cllr Chris Edwards
Cllr Christine Feltwell
Cllr Annette Osler
Cllr Javey Osler
Cllr Roger Whitehead
Helen Richardson, Parish Clerk & Financial Responsible Person

In attendance:

Members of the Public: 0
Cllr Martin Storey, Norfolk County Councillor and Borough Councillor

96/19 To consider apologies for absence - There was none.

97/19 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests. - There were none.

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There were none.

120/19 To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items and Dispensation Requests.
There were none.

121/19 To Discuss Consultation Regarding the following Planning Application:

OUTLINE APPLICATION SOME MATTERS RESERVED: Demolition of existing vehicle repair facility, clearance of the site and erection of 5no dwelling houses with access road and parking areas at Service Station 14 Westgate Street Southery Norfolk PE38 0PA

The Councillors had reviewed the application online.

It was noted that Norfolk County Council had issues with the access in regard to the shop being next door and parked cars in that area. The Parish Council reiterated this concern through discussion and that there could be an issue there potentially with the school up the road too. The Parish Council felt that if there was a way that the access could be altered to improve the access to mitigate these issues. It was noted that the access in the outline planning application was the actual access that belonged to the back of the garage currently

It was noted that loss of the garage was another potential facility gone from the village. The current design of houses it was felt was not in keeping with the surrounding areas and village as they were three storeys high. The Chair shared that it was better to develop within the village rather than spreading out into the country side. The Chair commented that there was appeared to be demand for three bedroom homes in the village. The Chair noted that each home had parking for two cars but parking to allow for visitors would be an issue.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to object the application on the following grounds :

- There was concern that the vehicular access and traffic generation would cause highway safety issues arising from the proposed access to the development. This further compounded by its location being in close proximity to the shop, bus stop and school.

- It was felt that the shop being the only one in the village, and after the site is constructed may cause day to day difficulties for the shop in its operation, and concerns that it could result in the loss of the facility should this occur. The Post Office van also stops outside the shop. as well as those using the facility already tight for parking.
- The overspill of the visiting cars to the five properties may cause a disturbance to the neighbouring properties due to lack of parking for this need on the site itself.
- It was felt that the number of houses for the site should be four instead of five dwellings so that the properties are then larger and negate the need for them to be three storeys. It was felt that three storey homes is not in-keeping with the local area / village and the plan needed to be revised.

The Clerk agreed to make this return to the Planning Team.

122/19 To Approve the Annual Accountability and Governance Return 2018/19

Cllr Alison Youngs proposed the approval of the AGAR document, Cllr Annette Osler seconded it and all were in favour

122/19 To Discuss Church Ruins and Approval of Grass Cutting

The Clerk had found a minute from 1964 that advised a certificate had been issued to the Parish Council for responsibility for the closed churchyard grounds which is a public open space however there was no acknowledgement of this on the Parish Council's part at that time. The Chair shared that there was the Victorian Society that may be of help to the project. The Clerk agreed to look in the minute books later years that had a picture reportedly of the Parish Council passing the ruins to the Borough Council. The Clerk agreed to contact the Borough Council about the terms of the contract that CGM had on cutting the Old Ruins around 10 years ago. It was agreed that a public consultation event be suggested to be arranged by the Church in the Village Hall as a next step so the public can share their views which could then be pulled together at a later stage so the right decisions are taken. The Parish Council would be prepared to attend and then in their meetings that follow discuss it further. Note support can be only be given to a project that reflected the will of the people in the village.

123/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council to pass a resolution excluding the press and public from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. To discuss any HR issues, Contracts or Legal Proceedings. To Discuss Parish Land.

Resolved.

124/19 Date of next meeting – Monday 1 July 2019 at 7 pm

Meeting closed at 10.30 pm