

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 21st April, 2016
in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh. .

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs. S.Barnett, G.Caryer (in the chair), J.Dunnett, D.Higgins, P.Kendall, J.Lapsley, D.Wilcock, R.Youngman, Mrs.J.Bignell, Mrs.S.Grahn, Mrs.A.Willetts, and 12 members of the public,

The meeting was preceded by a viewing of the plans of Planning Application DC/16/1389/OUT Demolition of Existing Village Hall and Erection of Residential Development

1. Apologies for absence Mr & Mrs.Ross, Miss.V.Barker.

2. To receive members declarations of interest. No interests were declared.

3. Public Open Forum - relating to Item 4 Mr.Youngman proposed seconded by Mrs.Bignell, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be temporarily suspended and members of the public invited to address the meeting. The following comments were made.

- The middle plot could have access problems to Ipswich Road
- The two 2 bed semi detached dwellings had the same footprint as the affordable dwellings to be built on Top Field.
- Three house agents had said that the plot could accommodate three houses.
- County Council Highways Authority have criteria they use in assessing access in new housing developments.
- The Bus Stop opposite the Village Hall will be re-sited. The bus stop outside the village hall is unofficial in that the bus shelter is sited at the corner of Park Road.

4. To discuss the following Planning Application

DC/16/1389/OUT Demolition of Existing Village Hall and Erection of Residential Development

At the resumption of the meeting councillors discussed the comments made by members of the public and made the following comments.

- The original application for two 3 bed dwellings and one 4 bed had been changed to two 2 bed and one 3 bed.
- This proposal is a typical example of cramming.
- Make sure the District Council apply their own rules.
- Members of the public can respond to planning application directly to the District Council.
- There are no density guidelines that the Parish Council can apply..
- There are large open green spaces nearby.
- Comments on applications should be based on the District Council's Local Plan or Government policies

5. Public Open Forum - relating to Item 4 Mr.Lapsley proposed seconded by Mrs.Bignell, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be temporarily suspended and members of the public invited to address the meeting. The following comments were made.

- Detached bungalows exist on this stretch of Ipswich Road and two semi-detached dwellings will break this symmetry and "look wrong".
- Higher density three houses will be more affordable to first time buyers who are more likely to be local and more involved in village life and preferable to two large houses.
- The proposed houses will be an improvement on the present building on the site.
- The effect on the character of the village caused by developments is not being taken into account.
- Three members of the Council are also member of the Village Hall Management Committee. Could there be a conflict of interest ?
- A condition of a planning permission will be that the old hall will stay in use until the new village hall is built.
- The Environmental Agency and Anglia Water has to approve the treatment of waste water and sewage.

5. To formulate the Parish Council's response to Suffolk Coastal District Council At the resumption of the formal meeting Mr.Lapsley proposed seconded by Mr.Barnett that the Parish Council should support this application but express the concerns expressed at this meeting regarding access to the two semidetached properties and that dormer type buildings would be more in keeping with other properties in the area and that windows should not overlook adjoining properties.

This motion was approved nine members voting for and one (Mr.J.Dunnett) voting against. Mr.Dunnett said that his objection was based on the "cramming" of buildings on the site and requested that this be recorded in the minutes.