

CRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>.June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Old School, Crick.

Present – D. Tolfts (Chairman) P. Dunkley (Vice Chairman) R. Lowe, R. Atterbury, Mrs G. Nisbet, W. Simms, W. Fursman, J. Goodger.

2 members of the public were present.

55. **Apologies.**

No apologies had been received.

56. **Declaration on interests.**

R. Atterbury declared an interest in agenda item 3(5) – notice of an appeal for a wind farm application at Watford Lodge Farm, Watford. 3(3) – DA/2011/0229 -an amended application for a proposed housing development in Bucknills Lane, Crick. The applicant is DDH and he is a board member of DDH.

57. **Planning.**

DA/2011/0379 – an application for a rear two storey extension at 36 King Style Close, Crick. Members inspected the plans and agreed to make no comment on the application.

Coop Store – plans obtained from the Heart of England Cooperative Society Ltd for alterations to the existing lay-by and a new lay-by in Main Road, Crick. A formal application has not been received from DDC. J. Richards reported that he had received an email from DDC Planning that the NCC Highways Officer had concerns over the proposed new lay-by. NCC also had proposals to put double yellow line systems in High Street, Main Road and Church Street. This suggested that NCC were aware of the parking problems in the vicinity of the Coop Store. The plans were inspected and members agreed that they supported the proposals of the Coop for two lay-bys. It was agreed that the Coop should be informed of the Parish Council support and suggest the company submit the application for alteration of the existing lay-by and a new lay-by. If the Coop agreed to the suggestion then a meeting should be called for representatives of the company, the Parish Council, the County and District Councils and the Police. It was further agreed to involve our County Councillor in a bid to resolve the parking problems.

DA/2011/0229 – amended plans had been received for the proposals of DDH to demolish some homes in Bucknills Lane and build replacement houses. The original and amended plans were inspected and it was agreed that the homes on the amended plans and the lay-out of the development were a good improvement.

The Planning Inspectorate has notified DDC of an appeal against their decision to refuse planning permission for a first floor rear extension at 4 Thornton Close, Crick. The Parish Council had made no comment to the application.

The Planning Inspectorate has also notified DDC of an appeal against their decision to refuse planning permission for the construction of a wind farm, comprising 5 wind turbines on land adjacent to Watford Lodge Farm, West Haddon Road, Watford. The Parish Council discussed the application at the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup>. September 2009. The members were opposed to the application 'In view of the number of proposed wind farms in the vicinity of Crick there should be a strategy at County or District level. The number of proposals for wind farms is now prolific and the one at Watford will be a visual intrusion and have a tremendous impact on the village of Crick. Fears were expressed on health grounds – the low frequency noise and shadow flicker could be detrimental to the health of residents in the village, especially those in Watford Road, Crick and the homes bordering Watford Park' Members agreed not to add to the comments. These will automatically form part of the enquiry.

**58. Open meeting.**

J. Richards reported that he has retained the 'no parking' sign from the Marsh and the 'danger deep water' sign from the Bury Dyke pond.

A member of the public queried the removal of the tree at the side of the Coop store. Representatives of the three churches involved with the original planting were consulted. All three agreed that a plaque commemorating the planting and the planting of a new tree is acceptable.

Trees on the pocket park had been severely cut back but it was not known if the County Council were responsible. J. Richards informed the meeting that Tony Ball (NCC) who is responsible for the by-pass maintenance period had appointed a contractor for the maintenance of the roundabouts at either end of the by-pass. He was unaware that BPC Ltd. had taken up sponsorship of these roundabouts. The contractor may have cut back the trees.

The footpath in Eldon Way is overgrowing the pavement. The Payback Team will be asked to cut the overgrowth back.

R. Lowe requested that the 'hanging baskets & tubs competition' be included on the agenda for June.

Gallagher Homes is proposing that a housing development is built on land between the playing field and the by-pass. A public exhibition will be held in the Old School on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. June 2011 between 10am and 2.30pm. A leaflet has been sent to every home in the village by the company's design/planning representative.

J. Richards, in his role as Highway Representative, had been summoned to a meeting with representatives of NCC Highways and MGWSP. Prior to the meeting he was unaware that the meeting concerned work to a footpath, after the Yelvertoft Road by-pass bridge. The Parish Council had authorised the Payback Team to cut back the bushes and scrub and lay a shingle path as it considered the path to be dangerous. This followed numerous requests to NCC to have the work completed. NCC considered the work to be illegal, hence the meeting. J. Richards was unaware that emails concerning the work had been circulated and the circulation should have been sent to him, as the Highway Representative. The Clerk was not aware that this former small piece of rough ground was a NCC footpath. He apologised to J. Richards.

No other issues were raised; the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed.

Chairman.

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