

# EARL SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 13th September 2018 At 7.30 pm

Earl Soham Village Hall

## Minutes

- 1) Apologies for absence Lucy Murrell, Andrew Patterson
- 2) Declaration of interest NONE
- 3) Public Comment A member of the public commented the proposed Street Farm planning application that nothing had fundamentally changed from the previous application and that the site was outside the settlement and still an employment site, there is a 5 year housing supply now, could invite housing creep and still doesn't address the previous objections.
- 4) Planning application DC/18/2335/FUL after much debate the following objection was raised and unanimously agreed to send the following

There is nothing substantive in the revision that persuades the Parish Council to change its position on objecting to this application as it did at its planning meeting held on 27th July 2018 and subsequently submitted to Suffolk Coastal District Council. The benefits noted in this amendment are generic to any new development adjacent to the settlement boundary. Granting this application on the generic benefits noted in the planning statement would open the door to more of the edge of village applications that would ruin our rural communities through planning creep and the Parish Council expects the SCDC Planning to uphold the planning policies SP29,DM3 and DM10 on protecting the countryside and employment areas.

- 1) Specifically, planning law states that planning applications must be determined in accordance with the SCD Plan, unless there are material considerations. The council consider that there are no material changes given.
- 2) Acknowledged in an email from the planning officer, the application is a departure from the Local Plan.
- 3) The applicant admits the application conflicts with SP19,SP29 and DM3.
- 4) SCD Plan does not specify that weight change in applications can force change when in conflict with the Local Plan
- 5) This application would encourage planning creep outside of the planning policy.
- 6) The applicant must provide material consideration that demonstrate the Local Plan should be put aside. It has not done so.
- 7) The planning application has a style and layouts that is in conflict with the village. That is to say it is an urban development in a rural landscape which makes it inappropriate.
- 8) SCDC state that, at present one of the special attributes of Earl Soham, is the conservation area that has punctuated views of the countryside in the village. This application would significantly damage this special attribute.
- 9) The Parish Council consider this a speculative application.
- 10) The application is not just a brown field site but also has a significant green field area as part of its application – also leads to planning creep.
- 11) The footpath issue is still very much unresolved as all the issues are sidestepped and left with other authorities.
- 12) The employment statement saying only 1 person is employed is considered disingenuous as

it takes more than 1 person to make, administer, deliver concrete etc from this active facility.  
objection

5) Correspondence since last meeting Cheques signed Village Hall £30.60, Insurance CAS £227.12, Townlands £200. Bin stickers 500 @£329 unanimously approved. Footpath sign broken on double bends broken GH would get in touch with Footpaths to repair

6) Anything that needs to be added to next agenda/meeting AG wanted to add about how to deter dogs fouling at the back of Falcon footpath area, JS to investigate a road accident report book

7) Next meeting 1st November 2018

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm