

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Newton Poppleford and Harpford Parish Council held on  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in the Village Hall at 8.00pm**

**Present: -** Cllrs H Jeffery – Chairman, Cole – Vice Chairman, Clarke, D Jeffery, Pearce, Ranger, Tillotson, Slattery and Phillips.

**Apologies: -** Cllrs Channon (CC) and Cook.

**In attendance: -** D G Atkins (Clerk & RFO), Cllr Potter (DC) and 14 members of the public.

**Declarations of Interest : -** Cllr Cole re. Robins Nest – Personal (knows the applicant).

The Chairman proposed to take planning matters first.

**10.13.140** Planning applications received

a) 15/0644/FUL Robin Orchard, Exmouth Road

Proposal: - Construction of single storey front extension.

Observations: - Support

Proposed Cllr H Jeffery  
Seconded Cllr Phillips 6-2-1

b) 15/0699/FUL 16 Hillside, Burrow

Proposal: - Construction of two storey rear extension.

Observations: - Support.

Proposed: - Cllr Cole  
Seconded Cllr Phillips 6-2 abstentions

Note – Cllr Slattery did not vote as not a committee member.

c) 15/0642/MRES Land South of King Alfred Way

Proposal: - Construction of 40 dwellings (including 16 affordable), doctors surgery and associated works (approval of details reserved by outline planning permission 13/0316/MOUT).

Observations: - See below: -

Application – King Alfred Way. Member of the public made their comments as below:-

Cllr Cole as Chairman of Planning explained that the application was for reserved matters only, the principle having previously been established and approved by EDDC at outline stage.

It was agreed that the previous comments made by the public and Council had been logged. It was also made clear that further public comment could be sent to the District Council from individuals.

The concept of a pond/ponds for flooding attenuation was considered inappropriate at this location. The agent proposes attenuation tanks to manage storm flows.

It was also acknowledged that the consultees, The Environment Agency, South West Water, County etc were all able to make their comments to EDDC.

It was resolved to seek an extension of time for further deliberation, in conjunction with an open meeting for the public to study the plans. The current district cllr was requested to make representations to EDDC that the application be dealt with by the DMC not delegation as it was considered by the public to be a significant development with some complex issues and impact on the village. There was also a mention that the area become a 20 mile per hour zone. It was further agreed to put in interim views as detailed above as a holding response pending the answers.

- Members of the Public considered not enough time and publicity of the meeting had been given for the full consideration of the detailed reserved matters application. They requested that an extension of time to respond was sought.
- The Clerk was asked to make a request, to allow the new Parish Council members to fully consider the matter. It was therefore requested that the time limit be extended to the middle of May.
- District Councillor Potter was also requested to seek the permission of the DMC Chairman to take the matter to the DMC and not via delegation.

Points of further concern & clarification considered are set out below;-

- It was again pointed out that the councils response to the outline application was one of objection and this should be their continued stance.
- More discussion with the agents on matters was needed.
- The west end of the site accommodates three rows of houses, these could be spread out over the site.
- Outline planning permission has been granted by the EDDC, but the public still have misgivings.
- Maintenance of the attenuation tanks and who is to be responsible over future years, who will own them?

- It was highlighted that letters from the EDDC advising that the application was out for consultation did not arrive early enough for in depth consideration and not all previous submissions to the outline application were notified.
- Concern over access by large and heavy vehicles and alleged shaking of properties close of the road. (One way in and out was also raised). A condition survey before and after the development would help to establish cause.
- Is there to be appropriate street lighting?

**10.13.141** Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2015 were agreed as amended.

Proposed	Cllr	Slattery	
Seconded	Cllr	Clarke	7-2

**10.13.142** Reports

a) Chairman's

1. Police – None. However it was noted that the PCSO attended regularly outside the school.
2. Traffic Signs – Cllr Slattery updated the meeting on the potential to purchase traffic speed signs. The Police had been informed and were supportive. Funding could come from the “Villages Together” fund. Two companies had quoted for the equipment. It was noted the suggested sites were Badger Close, Hairdressers (which?), KAW and Otter Reach. Estimated project cost of sign is £2,900 which could be afforded through Parish Council funds due to the healthy balances in the accounts.

It was resolved to pursue the Villages Together funding first, provided the County Council and Police were in agreement. Safety issues and a volunteer to change the battery weekly and recharge the battery need to be considered.

Proposed	Cllr	Cole	
Seconded	Cllr	Tillotson	Unan

b) Clerk's

1. March figures to year end. Cllr Slattery as Finance Chair referred to the year end balance of £54,880, he also referred to the current year's budget as being in place and the precept was agreed at £37,500.00 and government grant at £2,525.00. A query was raised as to the probable year end figures which appeared not to have agreed with the actual columns.

Clerk will make the first payment of £2500 off the loan for Webber's meadow. Agree the next payment at the next quarter.

**10.13.143** Matters raised by Members

1. Cllr Cole re. Willow whips donation. Howard Hughes had stated these were a gift. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Council.
2. Mr Zirker referred to plans for the pavilion for the extension of the kitchen as previously applied for with the extension of the changing rooms which application had now run out.
3. Hazel Jeffery thanked everyone who was not seeking re-election for their past efforts. It was noted George Pearce proposed to carry on helping the Council.

**10.13.144** Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Chairman**

**Date**