

MINUTES OF DOCKING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on the 18th February 2016 in the Ripper Hall

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Public session. Mr Hiorns (Agent) and Mr A Ripper (land owner) were in attendance to give a presentation about the proposed development on Pound Lane. Mr Hiorns said that extensive amounts of work have been done on this identified site for development and he hoped to present a development that reflected the character of the village. The plan would initially be for outline planning for 30/33 homes including 20% (6/7) affordable homes. The access to the site would be from Pound Lane for vehicles with a possible path through to Well Street and the playing field for pedestrians. Mr Hiorns said that there is a great variety of design and materials used in the village and he wants to reproduce this in the scheme and have a very detailed design guide. The council were shown a variety of views of the design.

The chair invited questions and the following points were made:-

- Concern about the safety of the children with the large central pond. The council were told all precautions will be taken with safety equipment.
- Concern about the capacity of the school, Mr Hiorns was encouraged to speak to the school as he was not aware of the closure of Bircham.
- Concern re water pressure, Mr Hiorns was not aware of this issue.
- Councillors had concerns that if the plans were approved parts of the development could be sold and the intensity of the development could increase.
- Concern about the width of Pound Lane to take the increase in traffic. Mr Hiorns said that this had been considered but he would re visit the site and take new measurements. The site would not be started for about two years as this is the time it takes for planning to progress.

The chair thank Mr Hiorns and Mr Ripper for coming and informing the council.

3. Present:- Mr Wroth, Mr Able, Mr Meek, Mrs Hack, Mr Playford, Mr Gillett, Mr Crompton, Mr Todd, Mr Cooke and Mrs Playford.

Apologies: - Mrs Edge,

4. Declaration of interests on agenda items. Mr Cooke declared an interest in item 8.3 grazing agreement.

5. Minutes. The minutes of the 21st January 2016 were approved, proposed Mr Gillett and seconded Mrs Playford and carried. The minutes of the 25th January 2016 were approved, proposed Mr Gillett and seconded Mrs Playford and carried.

6. Matters arising for information only.

6.1 Hedges. The clerk reported he had walked the village and inspected the hedges that had been reported. In his view there were no problems. The trees overhanging the path on Station Road will require attention in the future.

6.2 Parking. The clerk had written to all the houses on the old pub site. One owner had come back to him to say that some of the problem could be caused by people visiting the old kitchen showroom. It was reported that the matter had been resolved with no cars parking on the pavement. The chair said that another car had been obstructing a path. The clerk suggested that if this is the case the police should be informed and given the number.

7. Correspondence.

7.1 Mr Edmondson re street cleaning. Mr Gillett had received a map of the village where areas are cleaned/not cleaned. Mr Edmondson believes that the Borough are not cleaning all the areas they should be and he proposes to take further action to get this matter resolved.

7.2 Borough Planning. Withdrawal of the plans for The Close

7.3 Health Check poster, left to go up in the hall.

7.4 Completed Rangers work.

7.5 Massingham Community car scheme AGM. No councillor is available to attend

8. Agenda Items for Council decision.

8.1 Joint Funding of Traffic management project Station Road. The clerk has now had a further communication with Highways. They have looked at the project and would want a sum of £5,000 up front to do the project. After a short discussion it was agreed that the council did not want to proceed with this cost. The chair agreed to speak to Limagrain and see what their position was. The clerk will inform Highways of the outcome.

8.3 Playing Field Transfer. Mr Meek had forwarded the clerk an email. It would appear there is nothing for the council to do at the moment but the trustees have tasks to complete. There was a discussion on the right action to take for the future of the trustees and whether the role should be transferred to the Parish Council. Mrs Hack agreed to clerk the next meeting for the group and discuss the situation with the playing fields association. Mr Todd believes the council should hold the deeds for the playing field.

8.3 Old Recreation Ground Agreement. Mrs Daisley-Brown has not responded to the clerk's recent email.

8.4 Grazing Agreement Old Recreation Ground. It was proposed Mr Gillett, seconded Mr Todd that the rent for the coming year (1st Feb16-31stJan17) remains at £100. This was carried. The clerk will prepare an agreement.

9. Financial Matters.

9.1 Accounts approved for this month.

Name	Business	net	VAT	Gross	Non Reclaimable VAT
K and M	Street lights	£28.12	£5.62	£ 33.74	None
Eon	Electricity	£80.90	£4.05	£ 84.95	None
Laura Parkin		£ 60.00	£0.00	£ 60.00	None

Proposed Mrs Hack and seconded by Mr Playford and carried.

9.2 Financial Statement the clerk issued the statement for February prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

10. Planning Matters

10.1 Plans for Approval, Development of land near Monks Close. The council are very concerned about the over development of the village with three major sites currently being considered. This could result in 130-150 new properties in the coming 2 years. Mr Todd said that the current infrastructure cannot cope with this level of development. It was agreed that the school and the doctors would struggle with a large increase in the population of the village. It was agreed to refuse this application and give the above reason.

10.2 Approved Plans –

10.2a. Docking Hall approved

10.2b. Rosemead Fakenham Road approved

10.2c 5 Harefields trees no objection

10.2d Old Observatory Sandy Lane approved

11. Any other business (for information only) and to consider any item for next month's meeting. Mr Cooke asked about the recycling centre. The clerk was able to pass on the information from the County Councillor he had received the previous evening. The Docking Recycling centre should re-open part time with Heacham going back to full time if the budget goes through at County next Monday. Heacham Fire Station should also be saved from closure. Mr Meek informed the meeting that the football team had done well in the cup and he needed to get the field rolled and cut. Norse will be sending an extra bill for this work, that the council agreed to pay.

Close 8.25 pm

Date of the next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on 17th March 2016 starting at 6.45 with the General Meeting at 7pm.