

Blofield Parish Council

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council Meeting held at Blofield Courthouse on Monday 22nd October 2018 at 7.30pm – 9:30pm.

PRESENT

Rob Christie, Stella Shackle, Sarah Dhesi, Paul Baverstock, Mary Moxon, Joseph Scholes, Yvonne Burton, Stuart Smith, Paul Culley-Barber, Sarah Osbaldeston (clerk)

1. Welcome and Introduction to the meeting by the Chair, Rob Christie.
2. **TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 - 2.1. Apologies were received from David Ward and Pat Wilson and accepted by the council.
3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
 - 3.1. Paul Culley-Barber declared an interest in item 7.5.
4. **OPEN FORUM - FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON AND/OR MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT MATTERS ON THE AGENDA AND TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**
 - 4.1. One member of the public was present.
5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th SEPTEMBER 2018**
 - 5.1. Due to unforeseen circumstances the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th September 2018 were unavailable for approval. Clerk to bring these to the November meeting for approval.
6. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON ANY PLANNING MATTERS**
 - 6.1. 20180777 – Perownes Farm - has gone to appeal
 - 6.2. 20180318 – Brengrae, 3 Mill Close, has gone to appeal
 - 6.3. 20181183 – Red House, Shack Lane, appeal on going
7. **TO CONSIDER COUNCIL FEEDBACK ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL** (clerk to feedback comments to BDC)
 - 7.1. Application: 20181485
 1. Removal of condition 3 of previous permission 011543 – use of first floor for staff accommodation
Location: The Old Hall, 11 Church Road, Blofield, NR13 4NA
No comments.
 - 7.2. Application: 20181524
Two Storey Office Building
Location: Land North of Renenergy Ltd, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield, NR13 4RR
The Council would like to raise the following points / concerns:
 - Neighbourhood Plan policy ECO1 supports applications that are of an appropriate scale and fit with surrounding areas.
 - This development provides an additional 36 parking spaces and with an increase from 90 daily movements to 200 daily movements when the offices are fully occupied. The Council has concerns whether the entranceway is sufficient. Should there be improvements to make it easier for the occupants to enter and exit the site?
 - The speed limit is not being moved under the permission granted for the Nurseries site (20171686) however the footpath is a condition of the aforementioned development, so in light of this additional development the council would like to see that the speed limit for Blofield Heath be moved back to beyond Hall Road in conjunction with some form of speed deterrent to provide much safer pedestrian / cyclist access to Blofield Business Park. The council would

also welcome NCC Highway views on a physical barrier to prevent speeding through the village.

- Under Neighbourhood policy ENV2 the council would welcome a soft boundary to shield those residents in Orchard Close from the development.
- There is a known highways issues on the adjacent Woodbastwick Road with serious localised flooding regularly (See Neighbourhood Plan policy ENV3). The provision of additional soakaways and permeable hard standing is welcomed to prevent additional concerns, but the council would like to see conditions applied accordingly to ensure that the existing flooding concerns are not exacerbated.

7.3. Application: 20181532

1. Front Porch

2. Single Storey Rear & Side Extension Incorporating Garage Conversion

Location: 10 Pound Lane, Blofield, NR13 4NB

No comments

7.4. Application: 20181571

Extension of Existing Car Park

Location: ETP Card Processing Ltd, Commercial House, Laundry Lane, Blofield, NR13 4SB

The council would like to make the following comments:

- NP ECO1 supports applications that are of an appropriate scale and fit with surrounding areas.
- The application also states the area could be used for storage of materials. Q – what materials? The website implies Fuel Cards – i.e. plastics.
- Laundry Lane is a narrow lane, an additional 10 movements (assumed). Please can NCC Highways views be obtained regarding the increased traffic on the entrance/exit junction between Laundry Lane and Blofield Corner Road. This junction can be hazardous due to the narrow nature of the roads.
- Application form states that permeable materials will be used for the car park and would appreciate this being conditioned accordingly as the area can be prone to surface water drainage issues.

7.5. Application: 20181596

Single Storey Rear Extension – Prior Notification

Location: Malon, Doctors Road, Blofield, NR13 4LF

No comments

7.6. Application: 20181654

1. Raising of Ridge Height to Accommodate Additional Insulation,

2. 1 ½ Storey Rear Extension,

3. Enlargement of Existing Dormer and New Dormer to West Roof Slope

4. Side Porch and Attached Replacement Single Storey Garage

Location: Whitegate, 42 Blofield Corner Road, Blofield, NR13 4RT

No comments

7.7. Application: 20181663

Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 9 (Land Contamination) of Planning Permission 20150262

Location: Norfolk Premier Golf, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, NR13 4JS

This application has already been determined by BDC. The council have no comments.

8. TO CONSIDER FEEDBACK ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA

8.1. Nothing received.

- 9. TO NOTE THE CLARKE’S WOOD: APPEAL AGAINST A PROTECTION ORDER AND AGREE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS**
- 9.1. A member of BADCOG provided information to the council on Clarks Wood. This small woodland off Shack Lane was planted in 1984 by a group of volunteers from BADCOG and trees were supplied by the Broadland District Council tree officer. This woodland is on higher ground in the village and is a visual line for the parish. The Woodland is diverse with native trees and the rare Wild Service Tree.
- 9.2. BDC are holding an appeal hearing against a protection order being placed on the whole woodland. This appeal will take place on 21st November 2018. BADCOG will speak in at this appeal.
- 9.3. Rob Christie proposed the council support the protection of the woodland, write a letter to the committee clerk and attend the appeal to speak. The council unanimously resolved to approve this proposal. Mary Moxon and Stella Shackle agreed to draft a letter for the clerk to post. Rob Christie and Mary Moxon agreed to attend the appeal.
- 10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PLANNING PROCEDURE RELATING TO DRAINAGE AT BDC AND AGREE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS**
- 10.1. Mary Moxon provided a written report on her identified concerns regarding planning procedure relating to drainage. After much discussion the council resolved to write to CPRE to seek their advice and guidance regarding this issue. Mary Moxon to draft a letter for the clerk to send.
- 11. TO NOTE RECEIPT OF PAPERS REGARDING POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO USE AS A CONSERVATION SITE**
- 11.1. The Parish council has been offered the opportunity to purchase land that runs from Bay Bridge, on Brundall road, to the footpath from Blofield church to Braydeston, and which adjoins Cremers Meadow in Brundall. It amounts to 1.65 Hectares of pasture land which has been un-grazed for some time.
- 11.2. The council noted safe receipt of the papers. Further detail can be found on the parish council website.
- 12. TO RESOLVE TO PASS A FORMAL RESOLUTION (UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES AND ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS ACT 1960) TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC FOR THE REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS**
- 12.1. The council unanimously resolved to pass the above resolution.
- 13. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON STAFFING MATTERS**
- 13.1. Rob Christie reported that the maternity cover assistant clerk has resigned due to ill health.
- 13.2. The council unanimously resolved to approve Rob Christie and Sarah Osbaldeston to appoint a temporary fixed term assistant clerk for the interim until Melanie Eversfield returns.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:30pm.

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