

Minutes of Barningham Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7:00pm in Barningham Village Hall.

Present: Cllr J Chalmer, L Hebert, S Baker & S Baker. 28 members of the public present.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

The Parish Council accepted and agreed the reason for apologies for the absence from Cllr Y Martin, B Baxter, C Hammond, WSDC Cllr C Bull & SCC Cllr J Spicer.

### **2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

- 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.
- 2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests. None.
- 2.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act. None.

### **3. Meeting Open to the Public**

There was an open discussion with all the members of public at the meeting, including the owners of part of the land being put forward by West Suffolk Council for inclusion in their Local Plan. This piece of land was not the subject of this application. This piece of land and a piece of land adjacent make up the entire site being put forward by West Suffolk Council for inclusion in their Local Plan. The application being discussed at this meeting is in relation to only part of the land being put forward. In addition to the points raised below, by the Parish Council, members of the public raised concerns over the following:

- 1. The development providing enough off-road parking.
- 2. The increase in traffic the development will bring.
- 3. The volume and speed of traffic on the B1111, and the problems already experienced by residents trying to get out of Lingwood Close.
- 4. The current sewage and associated utilities being able to cope with the additional housing.
- 5. Surface water at the site and the potential to add to the issue of flooding on the B1111.
- 6. The construction noise that will be generated during the building phase.

### **4. Neighbourhood Plan**

To receive feedback from the drop-in session and consultation to inform the item below.

At the time of this meeting, we are still receiving feedback. We will ensure however that any comments received, that relate to the application below, will be included in any response made to West Suffolk Council.

### **5. Planning**

5.1 DC/24/1105/OUT Outline planning application - (means of main vehicular access from Hopton Road to be considered) for up to 40 dwellings, Land South Of Hopton Road.

The Parish Council objected to the above application based on the points below:

The Parish Council objects to the above application on the following grounds.

- 1. The development being proposed is on land currently outside of the settlement boundary. The Parish council do not support applications for development outside of the settlement boundary.
- 2. The application is for up to 40 houses on a section of land identified on the site shown. This application only incorporates part of the site being suggest by West Suffolk for inclusion in their local plan. Other documents in the proposal indicates a further 20 houses, on land adjacent to the identifies site. This land, in its entirety, is the site being proposed by West Suffolk Council for inclusion in their Local Plan. This would indicate that there will potentially be a proposal for 60 houses over both sites. The maximum houses the Parish Council would allow would be 37 houses, across the two sites. (The one site being proposed by WSC)
- 3. The density proposed is more appropriate for urban rather than a rural area.

4. Concerns raised about transport and access, both pedestrian and cycle to and from the site.

Due to the volume of documents associated with this application and therefore the potentially complex nature of any response required, it was agreed, following a public vote, that we should engage the services of our planning consultant, Ian Poole. The Clerk will pass the feedback from this meeting and the Parish Councils objections to the consultant and ask that he prepare a response that we can sign off on before the deadline for comments. The Parish Council encouraged everyone at the meeting to submit their own comments to West Suffolk Council. The Chairman will share a link on our Facebook page to aid with this. Once a formal response has been formulated this will be shared at a public Parish Council meeting ahead of submission to West Suffolk Council.

**Action Cllr Chambers/Clerk**

**6. Date of Next Meeting** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 7.00pm 2024, Barningham Village Hall

#### **7. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for the consideration of the following items:**

22.1 Personnel Issues. None

22.2 Legal Issues. None