

LITTLE DOWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Extraordinary Meeting of Little Downham Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Main Street, Little Downham, on Thursday, 14 May 2009 commencing at 7.53pm.

Councillors present: RC Stacey, in the chair, and DA Adams-Payne, DJ Badcock, CM Frankland, EW Hall, RS Martin, M Oldfield, BL Taylor, AJ White and KO Winters.

In attendance: Two parishioners.

Chairman's opening remarks – Due to the Annual General Meeting finishing well ahead of schedule and the anticipation of public attending for planning items, the Chairman made a discretionary decision to start the extraordinary meeting early and reshuffle the agenda with the intention of allowing members of the public the opportunity to comment on matters at a later time.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - received from Cllr CE Hall, Dist. Cllrs A Bailey, A Goodge and County Cllr P Read.

12/09 **FINANCE**

1. To approve bills and other items for payment

RESOLVED: To approve list of payments for cheque numbers 000527 to 000534 for the total sum of £2131.07.

7.57pm Two parishioners arrived.

13/09 **PROJECTS**

1. Play Pathfinder Projects – An invitation was received for two members to attend a Briefing Session in order to receive the application papers and progress.

RESOLVED: Cllrs DJ Badcock and RC Stacey will attend the Briefing Session to be held on 20/05/09 at March.

14/09 **CORRESPONDENCE**

For information only

1. CCC – Public Paths Diversion Order 2009 (Footpaths 22 (part) & 23) – Notification of Order and public consultation - deadline 17 June 2009 – noted and advertised in the parish.

2. CCC – The 'Big' Lunch, Sunday 19 July – Anyone considering organising a street party must apply to ECDC and CCC were relevant.

15/09 **REQUEST OF ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

1. To consider new Parish Council computer for Clerk's office and new Accounting Programme

The Chairman announced a return to the start of the agenda

09/09 **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. Cllr RS Martin declared prejudicial interests in item 11/09.1.1 and 11/09.1.4 because he is tenant of adjoining land and a Trustee of the Community building next to land at 2D Tower Road, respectively. (Declaration no. 008-2009)

10/09 **TO ADJOURN MEETING FOR PUBLIC FORUM**

8.07pm Meeting adjourned – Ms M Ranken informed the Council of her reasons for application 11/09.1.2.

8.09pm Meeting reconvened.

11/09 **PLANNING MATTERS**

1. To consider planning applications received:

8.10pm Cllr RS Martin left the meeting before the following item was discussed.

1.1 09/00274/OUT Archer & Archer, Land Adjacent 19 Cannon Street, Lt Downham – Outline application detached one and a half storey 3 bed chalet bungalow

RESOLVED: *Little Downham Parish Council has concerns about this application and recommends outright refusal for the following reasons:*

1. Cramped Development – *It is considered that the proposed development will result in a cramped appearance of the site and an overdevelopment of the area.*

2. Change of use of agricultural land – *It is considered that an application of change of use of agricultural land should also be applied for.*

3. No visibility splays and road safety – *No visibility splays are proposed to assist in safe exit from the site and that of No. 19. Contrary to Clause 4.3 of the Design and Access Statement, Cannon Street is considered to have more than 'relatively modest traffic flow'. It is an alternative route for drivers of general vehicles, buses and large farm machinery who want to*

avoid the congestion of the school, narrow road sections and parked cars on Main Street.
4. Parking Concerns - *The proposed tandem parking spaces on the two sites will result in added vehicle movements. The Parish Council has recently expressed concern to David Archer (Executive Director – Development Services) regarding the lack of adequate parking provision on new developments in Little Downham, which results in causing disharmony with local residents and has a detrimental affect on the local area.*

8.23pm Cllr RS Martin was invited back to the meeting.

1.2 09/00275/FUL Ms M Ranken, Plot 1 Land to the rear of 45 Main Street, Lt Downham – Construction of 2 no. semi detached two bedroom ECO dwellings – Some members had concerns and were unsure of the proposal.

RESOLVED: To defer decision until after a site visit to be held on 15/05/09 at 9.30am and the Clerk to request an extension of the consultation deadline to 29/05/09.

8.57pm Three parishioners left.

1.3 09/00311/FUL Mr & Mrs G Voutt, 1B Park Lane, Lt Downham – Construction of dwelling

RESOLVED: *The Parish Council had no concerns.*

1.4 09/00330/FUL Mr & Mrs M Nicholas, Land Adjacent 2DTower Road, Lt Downham – Extension to temporary residence (static caravan) on site for new dwelling - Retrospective

RESOLVED: *The Parish Council had no concerns.*

1.5 09/00331/FUL Mr J Dhokia, 30 Lawn Lane, Lt Downham – Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension

RESOLVED: *The Parish Council had no concerns.*

2. Planning correspondence

For information only:

2.1 ECDC Notification of Public Inquiry by a Planning Inspector on Tuesday, 19 May 2009 at 10.00am at E-Space North, 181 Wisbech Road, Littleport, regarding appeal by Ricardo Parisi against enforcement notice served by ECDC re change of use of agricultural land to the use of siting storage containers and without the grant of planning permission, on land at Black Bank Road, Lt Downham – Cllr Stacey will attend.

2.2 ECDC - Applications approved: 09/00238/AGN

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed Date