

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 30th October 2018

Present

Councillors: Askew (Chair), Coleman, Gathercole, Hallett, Long, Thorpe and Wilkinson.

One member of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Boyce and Norman. Cllr Long to arrive late.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wilkinson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4a.

3. Public Speaking

Resolved that meeting be adjourned for public speaking.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole

2nd: Cllr Hallett

Agreed.

4. Consultations

a. Transforming our Children's Centres consultation from Norfolk County Council

A lengthy discussion took place on the consultation to close the majority of the Children's Centres in the county and the proposal for the new replacement service.

Cllr Long arrived during the above discussion giving his apologies for being late.

That a letter of representation should be sent from the Parish Council.

Prop: Cllr Askew

2nd: Cllr Long

Agreed.

The letter to include the following points:

- It was felt that there is a greater need for the current service than identified and that the situation was actually worse than the figures show.
- Emneth Children's Centre is a very good example of how the system can work effectively and it should be kept open.
- The West Walton Children's Centre has been closed so the local area has already suffered the loss of this service.
- There is no bus service in our area so outreach meetings, as currently provided by the Emneth Children's Centre, need to be maintained.
- Outreach sessions need to be maintained with professional input.
- The service provided should be available for all children, rather than just those who are assessed as having a need.

Letter to be sent to Cllr Stuart Dark, Chair of Children's Services Committee and copied to all relevant parties including County Councillor Humphrey and Elizabeth Truss MP.

b. Proposed new street name of Firs Close for development off Smeeth Road

The proposed name was discussed. It was felt that the name was not appropriate as the village is not a wooded area, and this area is the site of the former railway station and therefore a name more appropriate to the history of the site should be suggested as an alternative.

To contact the developer and ask for the proposed name to be changed to Station Close or Railway Lane.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole

2nd: Cllr Hallett

Agreed.

5. Planning Matters

a. Applications received since last meeting:

18/01733/F Application for 1 no. mobile homes for residential use and to regularise the planning status of the site to accord with site license requirements at The Stables, Gooses Lane. The application was discussed and it was agreed by all to SUPPORT the application with the following comments:

There appears to be some confusion over the number of additional mobile homes as the description states one but the documents state two.

By regularising the site it is hoped that a cap can be put on the number of mobile homes at the site.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm

Chairman..... Date.....