

Blofield Parish Council

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council Planning Meeting held at Blofield Courthouse on Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.30pm – 9.55pm.

PRESENT

Rob Christie, Paul Culley-Barber, Mary Moxon, Stuart Smith, Sarah Dhesi, Stella Shackle, Yvonne Burton and Melanie Eversfield (assistant clerk).

1. Welcome and Introduction to the meeting by the Chair, Rob Christie.
2. **TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Pat Wilson and Joseph Scholes sent their apologies.
3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**
 - 3.1. Stuart Smith declared an interest in item 6.4.
 - 3.2. Mary Moxon declared an interest in item 7.2.

Suspend standing orders

4. **OPEN FORUM - FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON AND/OR MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**
 - 4.1. There were no members of the public present.

Resume standing orders

5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd JUNE 2019.**
 - 5.1. The Parish Council unanimously approved the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3rd June 2019 and these were duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **TO CONSIDER COUNCIL FEEDBACK ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**
 - 6.1. **Application: 20190885**
Dropped kerb
Location: Nanpantan, 25 Mill Road, Blofield, NR13 4QJ
It was AGREED to make no comment on this application however, if additional information or plans come to light the Parish Council would appreciate the chance to look at the additional information
 - 6.2. **Application: 20190931**
Conservatory to front
Location: 16 Rosemary Road, Blofield, NR13 4QQ
It was AGREED to make no comment on this application however, if additional information or plans come to light the Parish Council would appreciate the chance to look at the additional information
 - 6.3. **Application: 201909454**
Sub-division of plot and erection of detached bungalow.
Location: Brengrae, 3 Mill Close, Blofield, NR13 4QT
It was AGREED to recommend refusal - following on from previous comments to application 20181308 the impact on amenity of existing properties, particularly 10 Allens Close, despite some reduction in height and movement 1m further away. Overbearing nature of the property as so close to neighbouring properties and the Parish Council is not convinced lowering the roof height really answers the Council's previous concerns.
 - 6.4. **Application: 20190972**
Two storey side extension, two storey rear extension and rear dormer

Location: 13 Globe Lane, Blofield, NR13 4JW

It was AGREED to recommend refusal on the grounds that a three storey extension does not conform to Blofield Neighbourhood Plan HOU4. It is out of character and there are no others like it in the immediate locality. The Parish Council notes that a pitched roof is proposed and it therefore has concerns about the impact on the adjoining property on the height and mass off the rear extension – overshadowing.

6.5 Application: 20190396

Details reserved by condition 6 following grant of planning permission 20172131 – Boundary treatment and structure.

Location: Land to the North of Yarmouth Road, Yarmouth Road, Blofield

After a lengthy discussion the following was AGREED: -

The Parish Council continues to be extremely concerned regarding the safety of access from this development on to the A47. It is imperative that the existing fence is replaced with a 6 foot close boarded fence to enclose the open space and prohibit access to the A47.

The Parish Council has sought advice from the Ramblers Association and also Gemma Harrison, The Green Infrastructure Officer at NCC, and has subsequently found out that it would be possible for Footpaths 5 & 7 to be diverted (using Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980) so that it continued parallel to the A47 east to join up with the path that goes between Globe Lane and High View Close/North Street enabling walkers to use the existing bridge over the A47 to cross safely and then walk to join Shack Lane and Footpath 3. A detour but this would enable the stile to be removed and the danger to children using the proposed play area adjacent to the stile reduced.

However, we note that there would be a cost, thought to about £2,000.00, and it is believed that Hopkins Homes should fund this.

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

7.1 Application: 20191000

Single storey side extension porch and cloak room

Location: Sunny View, 19 Mill Road, Blofield

It was AGREED to make no comment on this application however, if additional information or plans come to light the Parish Council would appreciate the chance to look at the additional information

7.2 Application: 20190844

Residential development of 12no. dwellings (amended plans)

Location: Land at Dawsons Lane, Blofield

After a lengthy discussion the following was AGREED: -

The Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider the revised drainage plan and continues to have concerns regarding the lack of mitigation of flood risk according to the Environment Agency maps and also there are no clear plans for continued maintenance.

8. TO CONSIDER REQUESTING NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL CREATE A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY DIVERSION FOR FOOTPATH 5 & 7

8.1 This was discussed and agreed upon under 6.5.

9. TO CONSIDER COMMENTS AND ATTENDANCE AT THE APPEAL HEARING ON 10th JULY 2019 FOR LAND SOUTH OF BROADLAND GATE, ADJACENT POSTWICK INTERCHANGE (APPEAL APP/K2610/W/18/320594)

9.1 It was AGREED that the Clerk informs Postwick with Witton Parish Council that if it is attending the hearing then it can verbally state that it has our support on rejection of the appeal.

10. TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON APPEAL FOR ERECTION OF DOUBLE GARAGE, HOE DOWN, 1 MILL ROAD, BLOFIELD, NR13 4QJ.

10.1 It was AGREED that as we had previously made no comment no further action should be taken.

11. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS RELATING TO PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

11.1 The Clerk stated that she had received notification from Norfolk County Council requesting if the Parish Council wishes to see street lighting installed at the development at Land at Dawsons Lane, Blofield and if so, would it take on responsibility of the streetlights. It was AGREED to reply stating the Parishes Dark Skies Policy and therefore it does not wish for streetlights to be installed nor will it take responsibility for them.

12. TO RECEIVE A PLANNING UPDATE

12.1 Mary Moxon gave a detailed update, following links with CPRE, regarding drainage and surface water strategies in relation to planning applications. This information was noted and AGREED that both Mary and Stella Shackle would work together on this and seek a detailed background of some kind of structure/strategy that we can adopt and bring this back to Council for consideration.

13. TO NOTE THE CHANGE OF SPEED LIMIT TO 40MPH AT THE WEST END OF YARMOUTH ROAD AFTER EXITING THE PARISH AND AGREE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS

13.1 This item was noted.

14. TO CONSIDER DETAILED PLANS FOR THE NEW VILLAGE GATEWAY SIGNAGE AND AGREE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS

14.1 Stuart Smith gave a detailed presentation of where he is with this project. The Council considered the final designs and it was AGREED that Stuart would now go back to NCC Highways to agree final designs and costings. Once this has been done he will bring back to the Council for final consideration.

15. TO CONSIDER QOUTATIONS FOR A NEW BUS SHELTER ON MILL ROAD, BLOFIELD AND AGREE ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS

15.1 Sarah Dhesi gave a detailed presentation of where she is with this project. A number of varying quotes have been obtained but it was AGREED that before any of this can proceed the Clerk seeks authorisation from the residents at which will be affected by the bus shelter. Once authorisation has been obtained then further consultation with NCC Highways will need to take place before a final decision can be made.

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