

Wentworth Parish Council

Minutes of meeting : 7th November 2018

Present Cllr DS Springthorpe (Vice Chair) Cllr C Stone
 Cllr G Lowes DC L Dupré
 6 Parishioners Clerk – Mrs A Lowes

1.	Apologies for absence. Cllr D Lee, DC S Cheetham, DC M Hugo, DC S Smith
4.	County Councillor report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC Dupré's report is available on her website https://lornadupre.mycouncillor.org.uk/ • There was some discussion about the cycleway from Lancaster Way to Ely station. CC Dupré has asked the District Council to provide an up to date map showing what is already in place and what is proposed. • There will be a road closure in place overnight from 14th to 27th November from Sutton to Mepal bridge. Unfortunately the obvious diversion route from Chatteris to Somersham will also be closed at the same point. CC Dupré has put together some information which will be sent to Karen Springthorpe for distribution to residents.
	CC Dupré left the Meeting at 7.43pm
2.	Minutes of the last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minutes were approved and signed as correct.
3.	Matters arising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tyres on Church Road have still not been cleared.
5.	District Councillors report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Councillors report was circulated before the meeting and is attached to the Minutes
6.	Correspondence. Cllrs noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Highways reference planned maintenance and road closures • Letter from the Planning dept about an Appeal lodged by Agreserves with reference to application reference 17/01559/OUT. This appeal is on hold and the Clerk is waiting for further information. • A letter from the Village Hall Committee confirming a rise in hall hire costs. • The monthly IHMC Incident report for October 2018.

7.	<p>Planning. Cllr E Atkin declared an interest in this item.</p> <p>Reference 18/01464/OUT Erection of up to 3 new self build plots and associated works at 3 Main Street, Wentworth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see letter sent to the Planning department which is attached to the Minutes. • The Parish Councillors noted the views of the Parishioners present, which – whilst mainly being against the application – were not unanimous. • It was felt by some Cllrs that several recent planning applications that are directly contrary to the intended Wentworth Planning Policy, and which are contrary to the views of the Parishioners, Parish Councillors and District Councillors have been granted by the ECDC Planning Team / Planning Committee. Therefore, those Cllrs felt that the lack of an enforceable Planning Policy makes it impossible to balance what is right for the village against the rights of the land owner (i.e. their right for the application to be assessed against the broader planning framework), especially given the precedent set with recent planning outcomes in the village. • Parish Councillors had differing views on whether the proposal was appropriate when measured against the broader planning frameworks. <p>Reference 18/00965/FUL Construction of 5 bedroom 2 storey dwelling with double garage amendment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs were very pleased to see the amendments to this application and supported it unanimously. 														
8.	<p>Wentworth Parish Clerk vacancy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one has applied for the post therefore Cllrs agreed to join CAPALC to advertise the position and also advertise for a locum Clerk. • It was also agreed to advertise within the village again with a paper copy of the advert. 														
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	<p>The Meeting closed at 8.44pm</p>														

Signed..... Dated.....

Parish Council Meetings – October 2018 – District Councillors Report

District Councillors – ‘Key Points’ Update

1st October 2018 – Shareholder Meeting

East Cambs Trading Company Draft Statement of Accounts of 2017/18 has been issued together with updated assessment of the strategic risks faced by ECTC and ECSS and relevant actions. These can be found at <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/meetings/shareholder-committee-01102018>

8th October 2018 – Asset Development Committee

Mepal Outdoor Centre

Work on the site was expected in the second half of the winter with an anticipated opening date of the Whitsun weekend and the project was progressing, if a bit slowly.

Car Parking – Ely

Three car parking spaces at Barton Road had just re-opened and the other spaces currently occupied by the builders would become available in around six weeks. The Dock car park had been very successful and was nearly always full. A request had been made to seek some extra facilities near that site.

General

Ely Southern Bypass

The bypass is now open to traffic on 31st October and work to build the pedestrian walkway continues and this will open late November.

Work on the existing underpass has begun and these works will be carried out under a 24/7 road closure, with access for cyclists and pedestrians maintained at all times. This will allow the works to be completed safely and as quickly as possible.

Although traffic will be encouraged to use the new bypass, local traffic can still use the underpass if they wish to. Consideration has been put into measures that will minimise delays whilst allowing improvement for pedestrians and cyclists. Traffic lights will be introduced either side of the underpass to reduce traffic to a single lane. This will allow for a new shared use pathway for cyclists and pedestrians travelling to and from Stuntney.

A new one way cycle lane will be built from Angel drove/Station Road roundabout to the upgraded road crossing for those cycling towards Stuntney. This will provide a link to the new shared use path under the underpass. The existing shared use footway/cycleway for accessing Ely will remain as it is for travelling from the railway station towards the Angel drove/Station Road roundabout.

Wentworth Parish Council

Outline application for the erection of up to 3 new self-build plots and associated works at 3 Main Street, Wentworth

Reference:18/01464/OUT

Case Officer: Toni Hylton

Email: plservices@eastcamb.gov.uk

Does the Parish Council have any concerns about the application? Yes

Can these concerns be address by: Request to District Councillor to call into Planning Committee

Six residents attended the meeting and their views are summarised below:

- Numbers 5 and 6 Main Street will be overlooked
- The extra traffic created plus additional service vehicles will add to traffic issues on Main Street
- Backfill development should not be allowed
- Proposal results in 2nd layer of backfill behind some of the properties on Main Street
- It has the potential to look like a mini estate which is out of keeping with the village
- Sets a precedent for other backfill development
- Driveway is not sufficient for extra traffic
- Extra traffic will result in further deterioration of the road surface on Main Street
- Additional construction traffic (11 new properties already approved) will further increase road deterioration and verges
- Proposal is for chalet style homes, therefore they won't be seen as hidden behind existing properties on Main Street
- Proposed boundary treatment is native hedging which will help to screen the proposed properties
- Ongoing rate of development in the village is unsustainable
- Concern was raised over flooding on Main Street – this will be exacerbated by more building in the vicinity
- The proposal was also seen as an opportunity to provide some smaller properties in the village

The Chair requested a show of hands from the residents which produced the following result:

In favour of the application – 0

Request call in to Planning Committee – 1

Against the application – 5

The Parish Councillors discussed the proposal and – following a vote of those Councillors who had not declared a personal interest – concluded that the Parish Council should request that the application is called into the Planning Committee (2 for Planning committee, 1 Against).