

# Blofield Parish Council

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council Planning Meeting held online via Zoom on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm – 8.00pm.

## **PRESENT**

Sarah Dhesi, Stella Shackle, Stuart Smith, Joseph Scholes, Pat Wilson, Mary Moxon and Melanie Eversfield (assistant clerk).

1. Welcome and Introduction to the meeting by the Chair, Stuart Smith
2. **TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were received and accepted from Rob Christie, Yvonne Burton and Paul Culley-Barber. Apologies were also received from District Cllr Nigel Brennan.
3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**  
Mary Moxon declared an interest in agenda items 5.2 and 6.1.
4. **OPEN FORUM - FOR PARISHIONERS TO RAISE QUESTIONS ON AND/OR MAKE STATEMENTS ABOUT MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**  
As no parishioners were present there was no open forum.
5. **TO CONSIDER COUNCIL FEEDBACK ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBJECT TO PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**
  - 5.1. Application: 20210042  
Side extension and alterations to bungalow.  
Location: 2 Allens Close, Blofield NR13 4QR  
*Blofield Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider the above planning application and wishes to raise no objection to the proposals contained therein, however, if any new information or a change to the plans come to light then the Parish Council would like to opportunity to consider this further.*
  - 5.2. Application: 20202164  
Variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 20190844 – Amend site plan  
Location: Land at Dawson's Lane, Blofield NR13 4SB  
*Blofield Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider the above planning application and strongly opposes the proposals contained therein. The Parish Council cannot see anything in the various emails and subsequent correspondence on the planning portal which explains how the current drainage system failed during the period of heavy rain we have had over the Christmas period. This is only from a part-built development before any alterations are added into what is happening in reality on the ground compared to what a computer is predicting. One of the main principles of the NPPF is that development must not increase the risk of flooding elsewhere and we are already seeing the consequences of permitting this development in the first place, therefore we strongly oppose any changes from what was originally permitted. The fact that the current drainage system cannot cope should be raising alarm bells for any subsequent changes that would increase the volume of water being fed into the system. We believe this to fall foul of Blofield Neighbourhood Plan ENV3.*
6. **TO CONSIDER FEEDBACK ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA**
  - 6.1. Application: 20200077  
Erection of 4 No. Dwellings & associated works (reserved matters appearance, scale, layout & landscaping) including surface water drainage. Discharge of condition 7 phasing of application 20161588.  
Location: Field South of Heathlands, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield, NR13 4QH  
*Blofield Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider the above application and the*

proposals contained therein. It notes that its previous comments still apply, and these are as follows: -

Condition 7 relates to the access road. The parish council would like to raise the following objections regarding this planning application:

Concerns remain around access - having two accesses in very close proximity to each other. To create a 3rd access at this point conflicts with policies SHCR 09,10 and 11; a proliferation of access is endangering the lives of all our parishioners and children alike. Hemblington Primary School are encouraging parents to park at Heathlands and cross what is a very busy road for school drop off and pick-up times. In addition, vehicles regularly speed along Woodbastwick Road.

We had previously requested speed reduction measures on Woodbastwick Road as part of this development and are disappointed to see that there has been no attempt to improve safety along this section of very busy road. With a recent road traffic accident on Woodbastwick Road involving a child from Hemblington School the Parish Council has been working closely with Norfolk Constabulary and Norfolk County Council, all of whom believe that further speed reductions measures should take place to stop this from happening in future.

Note there is a swale adjacent to the shared private drive - this is for surface water run-off from the main Woodbastwick Road gully adjacent to the access at Heathlands. The proposed swale appears to be new and may deprive pedestrian access to the services - pedestrians would need to walk the length of the drive instead.

The vision splay north cannot be achieved without 3rd party land. An email from NCC Highways in June 2013 confirms the width of Woodbastwick Road at this point is precisely 10m. Should this dimension be applied, visibility cannot be achieved? The gates of the property Tree Tops must be set back 5m from the road (according to section G3.8 of NCC Highways safe, sustainable development).

Therefore, Blofield Parish Council recommends objection on the above points and requests that you take our points regarding speed reduction measures on board.

- 6.2. Application: 20202369  
Details for conditions 3 & 8 of permission 20150262 – Roads, footpaths, foul & surface water and surface water drainage.  
Location: Former Piggeries, Manor Farm, Yarmouth Road, Blofield, NR13 4JU  
Blofield Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider the above planning application and wishes to make the following comments: -  
The Parish Council would like to see some measures implemented to make this section of Yarmouth Road safer. Some thoughts are the relocating of the flashing 30MPH sign to slow the traffic down entering the village, as this is now in the incorrect position since the extension of the 30MPH zone. The Parish Council would also like to see some dropped kerbs installed to allow disabled and pushchair access onto the new footpaths.

**7. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS RELATING TO PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND A PLANNING UPDATE**

There were none.

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