

## GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Community Centre on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 called in order to discuss planning application for Erskine Lodge

### **Present**

Peter Royce Chairman      Cliff Dive Vice-Chairman      Tim Webber

June Attwood   Steve Smith

Christine Peck Parish Clerk

Members of Public - 4 members attending

### **Apologies for absence**

Howard Singh David Howes

**Public Question Time** Members of public were given the opportunity to express their views on the submitted planning application for development of the Erskine Lodge site. The main concerns were that, although there is a need for additional housing in the village, the excessive scale and size of the properties were not in keeping with the village. Furthermore, there is no provision for the elderly or persons wishing to downsize.

At this stage the public left the meeting and Councillors continued to discuss the matter prior to submitting objection to Planning Department of St Edmundsbury. Peter read out a copy of a report made by Terry Clements at a St Edmundsbury meeting which emphasized originally the Erskine Lodge area was not identified under Vision 2031 but **20** properties were shown to be built at Fenton's Farm. After lengthy discussion Councillors agreed the following were concerns to be raised in the objection

- Allocation of properties must be to village people or people with village connections
- Number of properties for first phase not consistent with original number identified under Vision 2031.
- Is proposed increase in population sustainable
- When complete high number of properties in location will disturb current social structure of the village
- Question over ratio of maisonettes to houses - not a lot of provision for families
- Traffic concerns
- School placement availability

It was agreed that Cliff would submit the Parish Council views to St Edmundsbury Planning department prior to the deadline of 21<sup>st</sup> December.

<b>Finance</b>	Instant access account	£1,132.29
	Current account	£7,117.04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,249.33</b>

Payments to agree - Old Parsonage Garden Services £810.00 (invoices for 4 months work)

St Edmundsbury Borough Council £266.70 grass cutting of play area

These were agreed.

The Precept form, discussed at the previous meeting, was agreed and signed.

**Website** Peter informed the meeting that there was a problem with the website in that it had “disappeared” as unfortunately the ownership to the domain name had not been renewed. David was looking into this and Peter had spoken to Chris Thomson to enquire if the original setting up details were still available. If not, alternative arrangements will have to be investigated.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm and wished all a Happy Christmas

**Next meeting – 13th January 2016**

Signed Chairman .....

Date .....