

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council
Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at Copdock village hall – 8.00pm.

Present: Cllr Keith Armes, DC Dave Busby, Cllr Laura Butters, Cllr Louise Carman, Cllr Terry Corner (Chairman), Cllr Simon Downey, CC Christopher Hudson, Cllr James Mellish, Cllr Mike Watling, 9x residents, Clerk - Angela Chapman.

2145/2223 Election of Chairman. Cllr Laura Butters proposed Cllr James Mellish, Cllr Louise Carman seconded.

2146/2223 Acceptance of Office. Cllr James Mellish accepted and was duly elected as Chairman who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

2147/2223 Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr Keith Armes proposed Cllr Mike Watling continues as Vice Chair, seconded by Louise Carman.

2148/2223 Acceptance of Office. Cllr Mike Watling was duly elected as Vice Chair who signed the Declaration of Office form.

2149/2223 Chairman's Welcome & Apologies: Chairman Mellish welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies: None

2150/2223 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests: Cllr Mike Watling – C&W Tennis club; Cllr Louise Carman – Carman 4Seasons Ltd.

2151/2223 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests: None.

2152/2223 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

2153/2223 Clerk's Report including Matters Arising

A busy month for the Council, after the April meeting was postponed twice due to majority of Councillors and the Clerk contracting COVID. The April meeting was eventually held on 19th April.

However, Parish Council life went on, as usual, with planning applications, residents requests and all the work that goes on around the rejected Neighbourhood Plan, as well as the financial work and general administration of the Council.

The residents in the hotel are continuing to use the recreation field for football, organised by Martin Taylor from the Cricket club, as well as tennis on the courts and badminton in the village hall.

One Casual Vacancy.

2154/2223 Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2024hrs

County Councillor Chris Hudson – gave a report at the Annual Parish Meeting. Can be seen on village website.

District Councillor Dave Busby – gave a report at the Annual Parish Meeting. Can be seen on village website. Meeting reconvened 2025hrs.

2155/2223 Planning Applications:

Appendix A

APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/05110

Proposal: Hybrid Application. Outline Planning Application for Interchange 55 comprising predominantly industrial (B2 use) and warehousing (B8 use) and prospective offices, research and light industry (E(g) (i, ii, iii) uses) buildings. Full Planning Application for access to the development and associated landscaping.

Location: Land To The South Of Thompson And Morgan, Poplar Lane, Sproughton, Suffolk

Reason(s) for re-consultation: Archaeological Evaluation report received 11.04.22

Objection

The Parish Council have considered this application and comments in line with the re-consultation following the archaeological evaluation received 2022.04.11. There appears to be conflicting views from Suffolk County Councils Archaeological Services about the archaeological impact of the site, whereby they disagree with statements made within the desk-based assessments and a fundamental basis of this consultation, as we understand.

Furthermore, the Parish Council maintain that the general proposal would have a negative impact on the following areas of fine agricultural land, as set out in the unadopted Neighbourhood plan: Policy C&W 10 - Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity. Policy C&W 11 - Local Green Spaces. Policy C&W 12 – Biodiversity. Policy C&W 14 - Protection of Important Views and Landscape Character. Policy C&W 15 - Heritage Assets. Policy C&W 16 - Design Considerations. Policy C&W 17 - Sustainable Construction Practices. Major concern is raised over additional highways movements resulting in the proposal, future re-establishment of other vacant warehouses, and

the adjacent Wolsey Grange development, the current expansion of Copdock & Washbrook (20% increase in residential dwellings within the last 5 years) and recent and current Capel St Mary residential development. Additionally, National Highways planning response recommends that planning permission not be granted, and Suffolk County Council Highways seek a holding objection. Ipswich Borough Council objects to the loss of the 23 park and ride spaces that would result from this proposal. Pinewood Parish Council Objection on highways issues – citing pre-pandemic vehicle movements per 4-week period of 430,464. Cllr Hardacre of Babergh District Council and Sproughton Parish Council also object to this application. Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council agree with the rationale behind the objections.

DC/22/01868

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear and side extensions.

Location: Holly View, Old London Road, Copdock And Washbrook, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JF.

No objection.

Appendix B

Planning Applications determined by Babergh DC

DC/22/00955

Proposal & Location of Development:

Householder Planning Application - Erection of two storey rear and side extensions

Springcroft Cottage, Whights Corner, Copdock And Washbrook, Suffolk IP8 3LB

Granted.

2156/2223 Financial Matters & RFO Report

- a) payments for approval - approved as per payments list in accounting reports, Cllrs Downey & Watling to approve. Due to IT and logging in issues Cllr Terry Corner authorised in place of Cllr Downey.
- b) Cllr Louise Carman checked Scribe reports, approved by Council, Chair James Mellish signed reports off.
- c) Adopt and approve the new national Code of Conduct – defer to June.

Scribe accounting reports for the month distributed – payments list, cash book, bank reconciliation, copy of bank statements to month end.

2157/2223 Fen View Play Area review

- a) Quote/s and grants funding for new children's play equipment – the Council were given an update. There will be a consultation with residents, by putting leaflets through doors in Fen View and Dales View giving options on equipment. The equipment will be funded with CIL money and grants.

2158/2223 Queens's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

- a. Update received on the celebrations which will be held in the pub car park. Free entry, hot food, pub open/bar. This is a community event with everyone living in the village welcome. Road closure from Charlottes to the bus stop opposite the Brook.
- b. Torch Relay – the two residents put forward are happy to be involved. Arrangements being made with them.

2159/2223 Refugees/ Hotel

- a. Council was updated - lots of people involved, pre-school, cricket club, primary school, all trying to pull everyone together to make good use of resources. There is a lot of support outside the village taking to different churches and events. The Home Office have a responsibility, the Parish Council felt it should challenge Babergh Mid Suffolk District Councils to work together to support and include everyone. It was suggested the hotel could make better use of the facilities and space they have, and this should be challenged with them.
Football – the Parish Council have been working with the cricket club and hotel staff to accommodate refugees to play football more often. An area has been marked out, putting a fence line at the road end of the recreation field for football use, a pitch area will be marked out, it can be used on 3 non-specific days a week, throughout the summer. After summer, Achilles YFC will use the area, the cricket club will open a pitch on the cricket field on a rotation basis. FA have supplied some funding for maintenance of the area, however, there may be a small cost to PC for maintenance.
Funding resource being sought, the FA are funding training, school minibus has been used for transport.
The village hall & tennis club have also been providing court time for the refugees, for badminton and tennis respectively, to use their facilities by arrangement with Cromwell.
The Parish Council approved this use of the playing recreation field.

2160/2223 Infrastructure Developments

- a. Neighbourhood Plan – agree membership of the working group. Several members of the working group had stepped down due to the politics and unpleasantness that has occurred. Parish Councillors remain. There had been two expressions of interest to join the group, and the Parish Council agreed for Adrian Ward to join making 7 members. Terms of Reference and the Parish Council's Code of Conduct will be sent to Mr Ward. One other requested to join, this was declined due to the Code of Conduct not being abided by. Applicant to be advised by email.
The NP group will move forward with a NP Light document, a date with the consultant will be arranged for a meeting to move forward positively with the NP Light, with policies in place. Sites could be allocated afterwards when the BDC Joint Local Plan is complete. The JLP reference will be removed from the NP Light document. The NP should be reviewed regularly.
- b. Infrastructure Business Plan & Pye Road cycleway. Cllr Terry Corner advised the meeting this is stuck until LA008 sorted one way or another.
A look at working on Swan Hill traffic may be advisable.
It was advised a review to the Infrastructure Plan on how to best progress would be a good idea, the document needs to be aspirational, the PC should have one all the time and continue to develop the plan. The plan is currently lodged with BDC, it needs reviewing but need to know about developments. There is a danger the underpass will be opened up to traffic.
- c. Old London Rd - proposed amendments – Suffolk County Council have done an infrastructure plan. It was suggested the PC need to have a meeting with SCC Highways, SCC have a plan within BDC Infrastructure Plan. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Highways and invite County Councillor Chris Hudson. Must keep the project moving.

2161/2223 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

The proposed Junction 55/A12 amendments will be submitted to Government in September 2022, no programme yet, could take until 2030. There is a hybrid scheme including Option 2 and 4, which includes a flyover and a constant flow left hand lane which seemed to get traction of the Department of Transport.

It was pointed out that the Cricket Club field is not within the PC's jurisdiction.

Footpath 23 – currently closed – put on June agenda.

Items for next agenda:

Footpath 23

Letter to residents regarding access to Mill Lane play area.

Quiet Lanes

Councillor training

Review new Councillor guidance and welcome pack.

Meeting closed at 2136hrs.

Next meeting – Tuesday 7 June 2022.

Village website - <https://copdockandwashbrook.org/>