

Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council

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Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Newborough and Borough Fen Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 as a remote meeting using the zoom application, commencing at 7.15pm

The Local Authorities and Police and crime panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Councillors Kevin Angrave (Chair), John Rowell, Sean Gleeson, Paul Cooper, Bryan Cole, Derek Skingle, Chris Taylor, Margaret Cave, Hayley Flaxman.
Also in attendance: Irene Healiss (Clerk)

There were 3 members of the public.

- EOM 10/01 Apologies for absence:** were received and approved for Councillor's Graham Britton, Tara Henderson and William Cave.
Ward Councillors Steve Allen and Richard Brown also gave apologies.
- EOM 10/02 Disclosable Interests:** Regulation 2012 (SI 2012/1464) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)
Declared by Councillor M Cave regarding planning application 20/00848/FUL.
- EOM 10/03 Public participation:**
A member of the public stated interest in the planning application to be discussed by the Parish Council and the safety of children possibly attending the school.
- EOM 10/04 To discuss plans regarding the Manor Drive School's development: -**
20/00848/FUL - Construction of new secondary school, primary school, and nursery school with associated playing fields, landscaping, car parking and external works. The re-consultation is on the revised drawings and supporting documentation that have been submitted.
There were concerns surrounding the traffic that this development would generate on Newborough Road as well as congestion on the A47, thus impacting Newborough. There was also discussion surrounding the report that had been offered by Skanska regarding the figures that had been predicted, which appears unrealistic in practical terms and therefore questionable. The restriction of traffic flow for emergency vehicles and food deliveries etc onto Norwood Lane may not be the reality, and a possible blockage on Newborough and Guntons Road may reduce likelihood of the village becoming a 'rat-run'. No traffic survey was offered regarding the Gunthorpe Road roundabout and ~~A47~~^{A47}. It was suggested that the impact may not be as great as originally considered due to Newborough not being part of the catchment for the new schools. The Clerk clarified that correspondence had been received that the catchment would not change for the opening of the school, however should this change, the appropriate consultation would be required and local schools and communities would be made aware. It was stated that from the revised plans some concerns have been mitigated, although this may require escalating due to the A47 being a highways matter. The Clerk will make comments from the council enquiring if the entrance can be moved, due to its proximity to the A47 junction, and another entrance may be better placed (indicated by the car park on the plans, approximately 150 yards further down on the same side.) Ease of access onto the A47 requires improvement and road widening to better

cope with the additional traffic generated. The speed limit coming off the roundabout reduced to 40 mph, would better allow for entry onto the A47. The Leys Farm Development also needs to be considered by the planners regarding its impact on the school and traffic implications.

EOM 10/05 There was discussion surrounding replacing the village sign with a cast aluminium alternative. The pole, which is in good condition, could be moved to another location. It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Cooper and **resolved** to purchase a temporary aluminium composite sign from the company provided by the Clerk until its replacement is arranged.

Cllr W Cave joined the meeting.

EOM 10/06 It was proposed by Cllr Angrave, seconded by Cllr Rowell and **resolved** to hold the following agenda item as a closed meeting due to sensitive information.
Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2).

The meeting was closed to the public at 20:09 hours.

The closed meeting proceeded at 20:09 hours.

It was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Gleeson and **resolved** that the Clerk would investigate the costings surrounding a specialist advisor and report back to the council. There were seven (7) votes in favour and three (3) against.

The closed meeting ended at 20:19 hours.

The full meeting was reconvened and closed at 20:20 hours.

To agree the date of the next meeting:

The meeting was agreed for Tuesday 13th October at 7:15pm via zoom.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:20 hours.

