



Trunch Parish Council

Clerk: Jane Wisson Chairman: Brian Boughton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TRUNCH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 9TH JULY 2021 **AT 7PM**

Present: -

Chairman – Cllr. B. Boughton, Cllr. D Burns, Cllr. R. Nevill, Cllr N Hurst, Cllr. L Eldon, Cllr. C. Owers, Cllr. P Taylor, Cllr. Spencer, Cllr. R Miles and Cllr S Wild.

Jane Wisson – Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr. G Hayman
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS** – Cllr. J Spencer
Allotments
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS 5TH MAY AND 2ND JUNE 2021** – proposed Cllr. J Spencer, seconded Cllr. S. Wild - All AGREED
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – 10 members of the public attended
5. **PLANNING**
 - 5.1 **PF/21/1561** - Various concerns were raised and discussed – submitted view below
Viewed in isolation from its proposed location in the village the Parish Council has no problems with this development. It likes the ecological features (trees, rewilding, and wildlife ponds).
However, it does have concerns about the location. Under the current Local Plan Trunch is classified as “countryside” where permission for new houses will not be given planning permission unless there is a “material consideration” which could properly justify an exception to the Local Plan. The Parish Council asks the NNDC to consider carefully whether the material consideration put forward by the applicant is sufficient to justify the exception when taken with all the other considerations.
To be balanced against the material consideration put forward in this case is the fact that Brick Kiln lane is a quiet rural lane with hardly any buildings and offering beautiful views of the countryside around. The Parish Council is anxious that it should remain so and with that in mind, it is anxious that the new house proposed here should not later be taken as a precedent which constitutes as a material consideration for granting permission to build more new houses there.
 - 5.2 **PF/21/0756** – various concerns were raised and discussed – submitted view below
Trunch Parish Council has discussed this position and opinion among Councillors is divided. Of our 10 Councillors, two are strongly opposed to the application, six have no principled objection and two have said they do not wish to make a comment.

Those who object to the proposal on principle do so partly on the fact that the proposed site is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (OANB), on which they align themselves with the position taken by the CPRE in their response. They also feel that a campsite of 50 places would bring an influx of summer visitors which would change the character of the village. In addition to these two concerns they also fear that the effluent from a camp-site of this size would overload local sewage system and that the increased traffic from campers entering and leaving the site would endanger pedestrians and other road users on Knapton Road, which is a narrow quiet country land.

Six Councillors who do not object to the proposal on principle say that although the site would be on an OANB it would be the very edge of it; that the lie of the land means it would largely screened from view; and they also point out that some of the policy documents to which the CPRE refers are capable of interpretation and that Core Strategy Planning Policy SS2 allows development for Leisure and Tourism.

On the risk of changing the character of the village this group says that Trunch is already a holiday village, with many second homes and properties let to summer visitors, and they welcome this proposal as enabling less wealthy people to enjoy a relatively cheap holiday in beautiful countryside near the sea. They point out that the proposed site is beyond the outer edge of the village and the applicants are responsible members of the community whose home is next to the site and it is felt that they can be trusted to ensure that village life is not disrupted. On the positive side, they say that more summer visitors also mean more trade (and hence less risk of closure) for the village shop and pub. They also say that concerns about too many extra visitors might be at least partly met by granting permission for a site with fewer places.

Both groups of Councillors have raised practical concerns about practical matters including the adequacy of washing facilities, WCs and facilities for disposing of waste water and sewage from caravans, water supply, rubbish disposal, and fire precautions. However, after hearing the applicants at a recent Council meeting most of Councillors now believe that these matters will be satisfactorily resolved when the applicants apply for camping and caravan site licence.

The Council does feel that if planning permission is granted, it should be limited to the summer months and not potentially permit camping and caravans throughout the year.

6. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNILLORS REPORTS

NCC – Report circulated – Cllr. E Maxfield unable to log in.

NNDC – No report

7. FINANCE MATTERS

7.1 To agree cheques for payment – ALL AGREED

7.2 To agree monthly figures – ALL AGREED

7.3 Hardship fund – no requests

7.4 Grant Awards – St Botolphs Church fund for Internet

7.5 Insurance – Clerk to add additional computer to the insurance at a base cost of £250.00 to download SAM 2 information off onto.

7.6 Thank you received for the Grant money for St Botolphs.

8. POLICE

- 8.1 Virtual meeting help – updated information shared with all councillors
- 8.2 Speed Watch – Ongoing work to set up – target times can be identified – however speed watch volunteers can not operate at some of the peak times due to Health and Safety – ongoing review of SAM 2 data.
- 8.3 NCSP – has established a three-year plan – but currently little to report

9. HIGHWAYS

- 9.1 Speed Gates are now installed
- 9.2 Road Name Plate – we are still chasing up the installation of the name plate – ongoing issues with catch up work at the Local Housing Association – Clerk to maintain contact
- 9.3 Potholes – nothing further to report
- 9.4 Bus Shelter – remove from Agenda
- 9.5 SAM 2 – Data is being downloaded and reviewed – recent update sent to all councillors to have a look – has identified areas of concern – further data is required to be able to establish a good understanding – Cllr. R Miles – did mention that the police will monitor once information is available.
- 9.6 Any other Highway matters – none

10. PLAYING FIELD

- 10.1 Registering Title – Clerk is constantly chasing Barclays for an update as to whether they have the title locked in the central registry
- 10.2 Inspections of Trees – Cllr. D Burns – to attend a course to help support this activity
- 10.3 Play Equipment – outstanding work has now been completed – remove from next agenda
- 10.4 Decision required for plastic matting
- 10.5 Removal of Skateboard facility - Volunteers required to help take apart and get ready for the removal – Cllr. David Burns, Cllr. R Miles and Cllr. B. Boughton to arrange

11. VILLAGE ASSET

- 11.1 Village sign has been repaired – remove from agenda

12. FOOTPATHS

- 12.1 All areas have been affected due to the exceptional growing season – Clerk to contact NCC.
- 12.2 Footpath 12 Tree still blocking access – Clerk to contact NCC

13. Norfolk NALC – WELLBEING INITIATIVE

- 13.1 Various papers have been circulated – All noted

14. STEERING GROUP

- 14.1 Reassess and decide whether to move forward on Neighbourhood development plan – Clerk to find out dates of Phase 2.

15. TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

- 15.1 Allotments – inspections had been carried out and work is being undertaken to improve a few sites that hadn't been touched. Clerk to obtain price and invoice for a skip to help clear the area.
- 15.2 Additional groups required

- 15.2.1 Finance – including Grant applications – Cllr. R Neville/Cllr. J Spencer
- 15.2.2 Parish Action Plan – Cllr. D Burns
- 15.2.3 Policies and Procedures – Cllr. R Neville, Clerk J Wisson, Cllr. B. Boughton
- 15.2.4 Communication and Website – Cllr. R Neville, Clerk J Wisson, Cllr B. Boughton

16. CLERK AND COUNCILLOR TRAINING

- 16.1 Clerk – still undertaking the Cilca
- 16.2 Cllr. D Burns – to undertake Tree inspection course.

17. PARISH MATTERS

- 17.1 Seat at Wrights Loke – Clerk to write to Highways
- 17.2 Village Hall – nothing to report at the moment
- 17.3 Empty Homes – contact has been made with owner of the property.
- 17.4 Village Social Event – still being prepared – further information to be provided at next meeting
- 17.5 Annual Parish Meeting – awaiting further information around activities from central government – to reported at next meeting
- 17.6 Return to face-to-face meetings – proposal to use community room at the village hall as this will enable more room for social distancing etc.- **ALL AGREED**
- 17.7 No cold calling zone – All items have been delivered – we need at 70% agreement rate before they will agree it – referendum underway.
- 17.8 Car Parking – ongoing review of the situation – soft approach seems to be working – **ALL AGREED**
- 17.9 Spend Local Campaign – to be promoted around the village – to be promoted for the month of September – spend £5 in local shop/pub to help support our local businesses.
- 17.10 CPR and defibrillator sessions – awaiting dates – but looking to do in September.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

- 18.1 Reminder to all about Standing Orders, GDPR, Financial regulations and communications – all press releases, social media and Trunch next door articles relating to Parish Council matters must be passed by Clerk/Parish Chairman first.
- 18.2 Old/New Policies are currently being reviewed as Clerk needs these for the CILCA – task and finish group to review
- 18.3 Norfolk ALS Bulletin – various circulated
- 18.4 NALC Wellbeing initiative – various circulated

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th August 2021 – 7.30pm Village Hall