



Emneth Parish Council

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DRAFT Minutes of an Extraordinary Planning Meeting of the Council, Tuesday 21st March 2017, 6.30pm at Emneth Central Hall

In attendance: Councillor Waterfield, Councillor Howard, Councillor Curtis, Councillor Groves, Councillor Oliver, Councillor Graham, Councillor Wiles, Councillor Fleet

Apologies: Councillor Harper, Councillor McCourt, Councillor Towler, Councillor White

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett

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1. Welcome

1.1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Mr. Alan Gomm, Planning Policy Manager (Local Plan Group) from the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

2. Apologies

2.1 Apologies for absence were received and accepted as above. Reasons for absence are confidential and not to be disclosed.

3. Presentation on Neighbourhood Plans from Mr. Alan Gomm – Borough Council

3.1 Mr. Gomm explained that a *Neighbourhood Plan* enables a parish/town council to set out policies for the development and use of land throughout their parish/town. It is written and produced by *the community*¹ of a parish/town rather than the Borough Council and allows the community to focus on either certain parts of a parish or the whole of a parish to be designated for the Neighbourhood Plan. It addresses local issues and can provide greater control over an area allowing a parish to focus on local pertinent issues (but still having to comply within the guidelines of the *National Policy Planning Framework* and EU Regulations). Once a Neighbourhood Plan is adopted it carries exactly the same level of importance as the Borough Council's *Local Plan* and will be referred to each and every time a planning application is to be considered. Funding from the government is available to aid parish councils through the development of a Neighbourhood Plan and the Borough are available to assist also. The various stages involved in producing a *plan* were outlined by Mr. Gomm and some reference material supplied.

Mr. Gomm left the meeting at 7.10pm.

4. Planning

4.1 To receive and consider Planning Applications and Decisions

Planning Application 17/00380/F, Extension and alterations to dwelling at 150 Church Road, Emneth. It was resolved to *approve* the application with all in favour.

¹ Usually a *Steering Group* is created to write a *plan* comprising councillors and interested residents.

Planning Application 17/00217/F, Small holding including siting of temporary mobile dwelling and polytunnels at the Orchard, 53 Mill Road, Emneth. It was resolved to *refuse* the application as it is outside the development boundary, within a flood risk zone and constitutes development within the countryside.

Planning Application 17/00177/F, 4 dwellings and associated access and parking site at Adjacent The Forge, Hungate Road, Emneth. It was resolved to *approve* the application with 5 in favour and 3 abstentions.

To note **Tree Preservation Order** served on the Owner/Occupier of Land to the rear of Blenheim, 141 Elm High Road, Emneth – the mature tree species provides high amenity value for the immediate surrounding area and contributes to the wider landscape of the locale and it is expedient in the interests of the amenity that a TPO is served. Noted.

4.2 To note any Borough Council decisions made on planning applications since the last meeting **Planning Application 16/01066/NMA_2**, Land SW of Eagle House, Church Road, Emneth – non-material amendment to planning consent 16/01066/F, construction of new dwelling, garage and new access. Application permitted. Noted.

Planning Application 17/00047/O, Land adjacent 83 Ladys Drove, Emneth – Outline Application, residential development. Application Refused. Noted.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman's signature.....