

Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall & Welborne Parish Council – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 7:30pm, Welborne Village Hall

Parish Councillors present: Simon Guest (Chairman), Clare Kay, Mike Webb, Jaqui Russell and Peter Wood. Also, in attendance: Bev Long (Parish Clerk) and County Councillor Margaret Dewsbury. There were 3 members of the public present.

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Carolyn Bailey (unwell), Cllr Andrew Egerton-Smith (family commitment), Jane Brown – Countryside Ranger and District Cllr Michael Edney.

2 Members declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensation

Mike Webb – Matters for discussion item 2.

3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2018

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record without amendment.

4 Matters arising from the minutes – not covered elsewhere

- 4.1 Broadband & Mobile phone coverage; Simon updated the meeting that following our newsletter article 4 parishioners names were forwarded to South Norfolk District Council for further details about their scheme for a possible alternative broadband provider. Margaret updated the meeting stating that South Norfolk District Council are trying to fill the voids and have the best coverage in the Country although some rural areas still have problems with speed. A parishioner detailed his problems where he was unable to get improved performance whilst his neighbours could because of decisions taken as to who could use a newly installed cabinet (which would provide the improved service). Simon to make enquiries about this specific case as there is no obvious location issue that impacts the improved capability provision.
- 4.2 Dog fouling signs; Not available from South Norfolk District Council, Clerk had made her own and laminated which would be given the Countryside Ranger for displaying at problem areas in the Parish.

5 Matters for discussion

- 5.1 GDPR – no issues and nothing to report.
- 5.2 Hedgerows – Mike explained about CPRE’s enquires regarding problems with hedgerows in the Parish – gaps, trees missing, loss of species, disease, damage – with the aim to run a hedgerow campaign next year. Councillors questioned whether hedging could just be planted on people’s land/in established hedgerows. Agreed that article to be placed in the newsletter.

6 Planning

- 6.1 Planning History/Decisions 2018;
Grid previously circulated was explained by Simon and discussed. It was established that of 12 applications discussed so far in 2018 only 2 had ended up with South Norfolk making the opposite decision to that recommended by this council.
One of those was based on the length of time the mobile home had been used as an independent dwelling (more than 4 years) and so was immune from enforcement action.
On the second one South Norfolk had taken up our concern re potential drainage issues and had commented that tests on the pond and ditches adjacent to the site had shown there was no contamination.
All councillors agreed the grid was helpful, Simon agreed to update the grid with future application information.
- 6.2 Applications for consideration;
2018/1770 – Low Farm, Church Rd, Runhall; proposed single storey rear and side extension.
Council agreed a neutral stance.
2018/1872 – Land to rear of Vine Cottage, Welborne Common, Welborne; proposed two bay extension to existing cattle shed to incorporate area to store machinery and grain.

A member of the public spoke giving information and his concerns – proximity, visibility, odour, noise and increase in activity. Councillors agreed a refuse stance with comments. Concern with increased size of the building which will make it more dominant and obtrusive – a concern raised on the original plans. The current shed has 5 bays, the new design would make it 40% larger. Concern with impact on neighbours due to increased noise and odour. The original approval had a condition requiring a site-specific fly and odour management plan to be approved prior to commencement of use. We

understand this has not yet been approved but the current shed has commenced being used. Concern that the continued development of the site continues in a piecemeal way and that previously approved changes for one purpose become used for a different purpose. For example, the original application for the building of the cattle shed (2016/1201) stated that permission had been obtained for the access road to the new cattle shed when in fact the permission was obtained for access to the proposed new residential development not the cattle shed. Should approval be given it must be restricted to the purposes identified in the application – machinery/straw store on one side, grain store on the other.

2018/1912 – Hollybrook Farm, Pound Lane, Welborne; roofing over silage clamp, roofing over yard and concrete yard renewal. Query was raised regarding the council's requirement for commenting on this application as no notification had been received by the clerk. Clerk to enquire with South Norfolk.

Post meeting note; South Norfolk have confirmed that this application is an agricultural prior approval application and as such they do not publicly consult on these applications as they are considered only against whether they meet the requirements of the permitted development not against planning policy like other planning applications.

6.3 Any time limited planning;

None

7 Residents Questions

None

8 Parish Plan action plans

Further improvements had been made to the website. Position as to where we are standing on the Parish Plans would be considered at a council meeting in the new year.

9 Reports from District Cllr, County Cllr and Parish Cllrs

County Cllr – Margaret Dewsbury reported to the council: NCC still required to save £46m so everyone is looking at how this can be done; trying to provide a better service but spend less; looking at sharing buildings with the District Council; working on streamlining i.e. one customer service centre with possibly one phone number which would then direct the customer to the correct department; the 2nd verge cutting programme had begun.

10 Reports from Others; Litter wardens, Fuel co-ordinator, Countryside ranger

Countryside ranger report was a direct response to correspondence and detailed in correspondence heading except a query regarding Copper Lane – clerk to ask Norfolk County Council and advise ranger that more details about specific footpaths can be

found on Norfolk County councils' website. This would also be referenced in the newsletter.

11 Highways

- 11.1 Highways review with Bob West – grid previously circulated, agreed this will be used with NCC Highways/Bob West and updated accordingly. Simon to chase Bob on outstanding items. Clare to provide Simon with photos of a problem passing place in Runhall so Simon can report it to Bob.

Welborne Triangle – work had been completed although the area may need compacting as it is not as firm as it was originally.

Ditch clearance in Welborne – Graham Faircloth to be thanked for cleaning this out

- 11.2 Rangers visit – a few items had been reported by the clerk.

12 Finance

- 12.1 Clerks Wages – Cllrs agreed an increase of 25p per hour, as recommended by the Association of Local Council Clerks and the Society of Local Council Clerks, backdated to April 2018
- 12.2 A cheque for annual website renewal of £127.54 was approved and signed
- 12.3 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) – Clerk reported that we have a balance of £313.27 with an expiry date of 2022

13 Correspondence

- 13.1 Parishioner email – overgrown footpaths. Some of the footpaths had since been cut. The Countryside ranger was looking at the paths in Runhall. Problems would be reported to Norfolk County Council.
- 13.2 Telephone box renovation – South Norfolk Council had made enquiries regarding grant awarded for boxes renovation. Jane Brown had reported that progress was now being made. Clerk to update South Norfolk once renovations complete.

14 Next meeting

Agreed as 21st November 2018 – apologies received from Peter Wood.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm