

BURGH EXTRORDINARY PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Burgh Extrordinary Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 15 march 2023, Burgh School Room.

Present: Mr Turk (Chairman), Mr & Mrs Clements, Ms Watson, Mr Price, Mr & Mrs Stockley, Mr Price, Mr Wakefield, Mrs Calver, Mrs Butler, Ms. Ball, Mr Doyle, Mr Griffiths, Mrs Bingham, Mr & Mrs Shipp, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Mayne, Mr & Mrs Bell, Ms. Dyer, Ms. Sansom, Ms. Redsell, Ms. Topsell, Mr & Mrs Richards, Mr Chipperdale, Ms. Page, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Pearson, Mr Cavangh, Mr Lee, Mr Brown, Mr & Mrs Green, Ms. Pilsworth, Mr & Mrs Hardman Lea plus others who did not sign in or whose signatures were illegible.

The purpose of the meeting to discuss the outline planning application for 3 detached bungalows and garages on agricultural land fronting Seven Gardens Lane (DC/23/0830/OUT) Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th April 2022

1. Presentation from land owner, planning consultant and developer

Burgh is defined as countryside. The Suffolk Coastal Local Plan strategy has a focus on housing growth in major centres, towns and large villages. It limits development in countryside. Policy 5.4 of the local plan relates to a limited amount of housing development in clusters in the countryside.

SCLP5.4: Housing in Clusters in the Countryside states:

Proposals for new dwellings within 'clusters' in the countryside will be supported where:

- a) **The proposal is for up to 3 dwellings within a cluster of 5 or more dwellings.**

The developer believes the proposal for 3 detached bungalows is in compliance with SCLP5.4.

2. A question and answer session followed between the developers representatives and those attending the meeting

Primary concerns were: the damage to the environment, lack of need for more housing in Burgh, current village infrastructure (roads, drainage, electrical and water supply not capable of supporting additional housing), limited wider infrastructure capable of taking more housing, schools, public transport doctors etc. Narrow lanes problematic for passing vehicles and lorries get stuck at Burgh Corner and are eroding verges. Concern was raised about the short consultation period (ending 28 March 23). The planning consultant advised that the statutory 21 day consultation started from the date the site notice goes up (currently not in place) which potentially means more time for comments to be received.

3. Village discussion

After the land owner, developer and planning consultant left the meeting the discussion continued.

A show of hands within the room showed overwhelming opposition to the proposal. There were 3 abstentions. The meeting wished the Burgh Parish Meeting response to East Suffolk to reflect the view of the meeting:

- a) Lack of need for additional housing in the hamlet/village
- b) No benefit to the village or its inhabitants. Considerable disruption if development goes ahead.
- c) Damage to village environment
- d) Loss of prime agricultural land
- e) Ecological damage – bee orchids in field edge/verge
- f) Narrowness of lanes (quiet lanes) – 3 additional accesses – more traffic – more lorries, road damage etc.
- g) Existing main drainage unable to cope – cannot support additional houses.
- h) Lack of services in immediate community – services at capacity in Grundisburgh School/doctor where 70 additional houses already underway

4. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 5th April, 2023 19:30, Burgh School Room