



Newton Flotman Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 18 January 2022, 7.30pm, Newton Flotman Village Hall

Present: David Gibbs (Chairman) Julie King (clerk)
Jeff Billings
Lesley Crump
Bob Kelf
Bob McKelvey
Bruce Turnbull
Paul Weeks

Members of the public: 11 members of the public including Daniel Elmer, County Councillor

1. Apologies for Absence
None.

2. Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda and Dispensations
None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 January 2022
Minor amendments had been made to the wording of item 6 in relation to the external grant funding that was being sought by the Village Centre Committee for some of the drainage work, and the percentage funding towards the cutting back of the hedges and trees at the top of Blunderville Manor was amended from 70% to 75%. **The minutes were then agreed as a true record of proceedings.**

4. Public Participation
Members of the public raised a number of concerns with regard to planning application 2021/2784:

- Alan Avenue was not a suitable access point due to the narrowness of the road and the large amount of on-street parking
- The proposed development included 90 parking places which would significantly increase the amount of traffic on Alan Avenue
- The adverse impact on local services including the school and surgery
- Inadequate drainage which would lead to flooding
- Increased strain on the already dangerous Flordon Road / A140 junction

It was noted that the school currently had capacity. The merits of and need for affordable housing on the site was also discussed.

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Concern was separately expressed regarding the use of an access off Flordon Road for construction traffic:

- The mud and debris that would be deposited on Flordon Road
- The resulting flooding
- The fact that the road was unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles
- Flordon Road is poorly maintained, there are no street lights or pavement
- The speed limit is not currently adhered to by motorists
- May act as a catalyst for future developments

5. Planning application:

- a 2021/2784, Land south west of Alan Avenue – construction of 31 new dwellings (Class C3) with associated landscaping, drainage and highway works

Councillors considered the application and the comments made by members of the public. **It was agreed to object to the application and to respond as follows:**

In principle the parish council are in support of development, however, they are unable to support this application due to the unsuitability of the access. Alan Avenue is a narrow road, there are parking issues and a further 90 vehicles using the road would have a very adverse effect on the current residents.

The Parish Council would also like to also raise concerns regarding drainage and flooding. There is a need to be sure that the sewage systems can cope and that the plans for surface drainage are sufficient.

In addition, the Flordon Road / A140 junction has already been identified as dangerous; an additional 31 houses would have an adverse impact.

The parish council are aware that there is an intention that, should the application be successful, the access for construction traffic would be off Flordon Road. Whilst this allays concerns for those on Alan Avenue, there are concerns of those on Flordon Road with regard to drainage, mud and increased HGV traffic along Flordon Road, which for most of its length has no pavement.

When responding to the Village Cluster Consultation in the summer the parish council raised concerns regarding site SN4024 which is the adjacent field to this application site. The concerns they raised at that time also apply to this application.

6. Items for Next Agenda

None.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25 January 2022, 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.

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