

LONGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting held at 7.00pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th June 2018.

Present: Cllr Sue Douglas (Chair)
Cllr Phil Collins (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Anne Kerry
Cllr Margaret Dye
Cllr Donna McLeod
Cllr Roddy McLeod

One member of the public
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies received.

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

There were none received.

3. To discuss the following planning application:

- **3PL/2018/0654/F – One and a half storey replacement dwelling, Meadow Drift, 19 Hoe Road, Longham.**

After a brief discussion, Cllr Collins proposed the following submission be made to Breckland Council on behalf of the Parish Council:

Boundary – *the site plan as detailed on the application is incorrect, Longham Parish Council own the access road, which is the access road to the Clay Pit and not the development site.*

Access – *there is no vehicular access to this site. As stated above, the access road marked on the application is owned by Longham Parish Council who gave the previous tenant permission to use it as a footpath to their property; under no circumstances will the Council allow this to be used as an access road to the development site. The applicant will need to include a new access road as part of his application. In addition, the applicant has removed ancient hedging along this road, without permission from the Council, with the aim of opening up his site. Longham Parish Council would like to see this hedging replaced.*

Ecology – *the Council continues to work with the Mid Norfolk Conservation Volunteers to improve the Clay Pits (County Wildlife Site 2163) which is adjacent to the development site and which is open to the general public to use. A list of plants on the site has been compiled and is attached for information, some of these plants are quite rare. Furthermore, there is an abundance of small mammals and insects, particularly Great Crested Newts, which is a protected species. The property on the other side of the development site also has Great Crested Newts and it would be fair to assume that the newts travel between the two sites, across the development site. The Council would like to see a protection plan put in place specifically in respect of the newts.*

The Council has no objections in respect of the building itself but there are important boundary, highway and ecology matters to be resolved prior to permission being granted.

This was seconded by Cllr D McLeod and unanimously agreed.

- 4. To note the date of the next meeting which will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 16th July 2018 in the Village Hall.**

The date was noted.

The meeting closed at 7.08pm.

Signed:

Date:
