

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Foxton Parish Council

Held on 9th March 2017 2017 at 6:30pm in the Parish Council Office.

Present: Malcolm Bore (chair), Simon Buggey, Liam Elliott.

Apologies: None.

Two members of the public (Mr Roger Frost and Mrs Rosie Frost) were present.

Declarations of interest

None.

Application S/0326/17/FL – Orchard House, Barrington Road, Foxton (Zettlex UK Ltd).

This application is for a change of use from residential to business with ancillary residential use. The committee noted that the external changes to the building would be minimal, and in any case the site is almost entirely surrounded by trees. The changes may even result in additional employment in the village.

The Parish Council recommend approval, but would like to draw notice to the part of the application which claims that there will be no changes to refuse collection (planning statement, section 4.05). An increase in the amount of waste is highly likely, given the number of employees on site, and the fact that it will be business waste and not residential waste.

Correspondence

None.

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Thriplow Farms grain store:

Mr Bore had written to SCDC regarding the proposed grain store, mentioning the Parish Council's concerns about extra traffic and the intrusion to the countryside. By way of reply, he had been sent a copy of the pre-application advice given to David Walston. This gave three possible sites for the grain store, and stated that the Fowlmere Road site was the best choice because of the existing agricultural buildings on that stretch of road.

The committee agreed that Mr Bore should reply to SCDC, thanking them for the information given and pointing out some issues with the pre-planning advice document.

Firstly, the document stated that there was no relevant planning history, but an application to build a smaller grain store was refused a few years ago on a site very close to this (S/0374/06/O). Also, that the existing agricultural buildings on the road do not really spoil the open views, and that a site visit is really necessary to appreciate what an enormous difference the proposed grain store will make.

Mr Bore will also contact David Walston, and ask him to meet with the planning committee to discuss our concerns about the application, before the process has advanced too far. It was felt that it was best to voice our concerns at this early stage, to attempt to avoid great expense further down the road, should the site for the proposed grain store be changed due to our concerns.

The meeting closed at 6:50pm.