

**Minutes of Planning Meeting of Foxtton Parish Council on Tuesday 26th
February 2019 at 7.30pm in the lounge of Foxtton Village Hall**

Present: Simon Buggey, Caroline Ilott and Andy Brown.

Apologies from Peter Howell

The meeting was quorate.

3 Parish councillors and 1 member of the public were present.

Declarations of interest: None

Minutes of previous planning meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2019 were taken as a true record of the meeting with one amendment. Under planning applications to be considered on S/2583/18/RM Reserved Matters on the Station Road housing, under Housing section the sentence beginning: 'The Parish Council understand.... Should read 'On the advice of the SCDC case officer, the Parish Council understand.....'

Matters arising

The Station Road housing Reserved Matters have been mostly approved by SCDC. One issue is that Anglian Water, who must supply foul water drainage, now say that there is not capacity at this site. As this is a statutory requirement, FPC will check with both the developer, Hill, and Anglian Water to get further clarification and assurances on this matter. (**action CI**)

Planning applications – (approval granted by SCDC)

Station Road Reserved Matters

1. S/0459/19/DC contaminated land -approved
2. S/0321/19/DC – archaeology -approved
3. S/0294/19/DC – pollution control -approved

Barrington Quarry/Redrow housing site

1. S/0306/19/DC – noise mitigation -approved

2. S/0222/19/DC – ecology – FPC have asked for independent ecology supervision and controls. Decision awaited.
3. S/4838/18/DC – boundary controls –no FPC comment
4. S/4820/18/DC – surface water drainage –no FPC comment
5. S/4813/18/DC – energy – no FPC comment
6. S/4779/18/DC – tree protection – no FPC comment

Other Foxton applications

1. S/0422/19/NM – non material amendment changing brick to off white render at 3 Fowlmere Road, Foxton. Approved
2. S/4796/18/DC – all conditions discharged at 2 The Green, Foxton. Approved
3. S/4683/18/FL – side extension at 36 Illingworth Way, Foxton. Approved.

Discussion on Parish Council's response to the East West Rail proposals

The details of the Oxford Cambridge East West Rail proposals were discussed in open forum along with a report from the consultation at Bassingbourn attended by 3 Parish Councillors. Details of the proposals are available on line on the FPC website.

Important points raised included the following;

What benefit would the 3 northern and 2 southern routes be to communities both existing and future?

What environmental impact would there be? What infrastructure impacts would there be? What housing developments would be needed to meet costs? Where would these be?

The conclusions reached for the formal PC response, were that of the 5 routes, the 2 following the northern pattern via Cambourne were preferable to the 3 southern routes through the Cam valley via a proposed new station and possible town at Bassingbourn. (The new Bassingbourn station is not costed in any proposal).

However it was decided to support the CamBedRailroad route, which is NOT one of the East West Rail company's proposals, for the following reasons:

1. Logic of the rail line following the upgraded A421/A428 via Cambourne, Northstowe etc. This would serve the existing and emerging major housing sites already planned for and underway in the area's Local Plan and also have capacity to absorb future growth.
2. Following the planned centres of growth would have less of an environmental effect than having a rail line through the heart of the Cam valley grade 1 agricultural land and Green Belt. There would also be less potential effect on listed buildings, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's), and the natural environment.
3. The CBBR route would not go via flood plain land with the additional engineering costs the southern routes could expect.
4. The CBBR route goes via Cambridge North station, which has capacity to be developed as a transport hub providing good links to other areas of Cambridge, including the Science Park. Interchange with the Guided Busway and future Metro would be possible along with car parking for access to A14,A428 and M11.
5. The southern routes would possibly give an Oxford/Cambridge rail line running parallel to the existing London/Cambridge route which goes through Foxton, but without the ability to access the new line at existing stations. The new line could join the existing line east or west of Foxton or go onto join around Shepreth Junction, located at Great Shelford.

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This Land Ltd (the development company wholly owned Cambs County Council), responded to the PC's comments on their presentation and proposals at 4th February PC meeting, for developing the Trinity School site on Station Road. FPC Planning committee will arrange to meet This Land to discuss further proposals.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.