



TIVETSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of Tivetshall Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting:
7:30 pm, Wednesday 7th November 2018, Tivetshall Village Hall**

Present: Rita Land (Chair), Alyson Read (Vice-Chair), Tony Jollans, Rob Alleguen-Porter, John Powell and Ros Hill (Clerk).

Cllr Martin Wilby, District Councillor

Cllr Bev Spratt, County Councillor (Part-time)

Apologies: There were none

13 members of the public attended

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVALS OF ABSENCE

There were none.

2. TO CONSIDER APPLICANTS FOR CO-OPTION

There were none.

3. TO RECORD DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CONSIDER DISPENSATIONS

Due to the size of the new sites being put forward for development under Regulation 18 of the Greater Norwich Local Plan four of the five councillors declared an interest in item 5. It was suggested by The Chair agreed unanimously that all councillors should be allowed to participate in discussions and vote on any decisions in order for the PC to be quorate.

4. PARISHIONERS FORUM

4.1 To hear views from Parishioners relating to new site proposals for Tivetshall under the Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP)

Cllr Rita Land welcomed parishioners to the meeting and asked them what their views were about the new site proposals. A lively discussion followed and the following issues were raised by parishioners, with responses as outlined:

How many houses are being proposed and how many of those would be affordable housing. Cllr Martin Wilby replied that 30% is the current policy.

Cllr Martin Wilby clarified that at this stage of the process it is a call for sites, not outline planning permission and there was a long way to go as yet. Just because sites have been put forward doesn't mean they'll be taken up as more sites have been proposed than are needed and it is likely that most development will take place nearer to Norwich where there is better infrastructure and good road access. Cllr Wilby then went on to say that parishioners need to put views forward to GNLP as local knowledge is important

How long will it be before parishioners know if sites have been accepted – Cllr Martin Wilby said that the next stage was for consultation feedback to be considered and likely to be the end of 2019 decisions on where development might take place is made and then 2021 before a final decision is made.

It was suggested that the Parish Council need to be vigilant in getting information out as widely as possible as not many people are aware of the proposals for development. Not everyone has access to social media and the Grapevine is not frequent enough. It was agreed that flyers through doors are a good way of reaching everyone. It was noted that parishioners may be willing to help with this.

Cllr Alyson Read explained that it was important to understand the climate within which this is taking place and the motivation of landowners and developers. Also the importance of developing a Neighbourhood Plan and involvement of parishioners with this.

Roads – danger of turning right off the A140 into the village, several residents had been hit from the rear while waiting to turn right and there have been at least two accidents at junctions on the A140 within the past few months.

Roads in the village are not wide enough to accommodate the current traffic, let alone the additional traffic these developments would bring. It was also noted that farm vehicles and lorries are getting bigger which is causing congestion and danger to other road users.

Sewerage system is inadequate and although there is mains sewerage in the villages it is not adequate and would need significant investment to cope with an increase in demand. The existing pumping station cannot cope with demand.

School numbers are low. Cllr Bev Spratt explained that the small school review was coming up and it was important to keep the school open. It was noted that parents may not send their children to the village school even if extra housing brought in young families.

Cllr Bev Spratt asked if the stance of the parish was for a small scale development of 15-20 houses per year.

The indication from parishioners and councillors alike was that seemed reasonable. Cllr Bev Spratt emphasised it was important he knew the view of the parish so he can represent councillors' views.

Parishioners expressed concern that public transport is not adequate in the parish, there are only a few buses along the A140, with only school buses coming through the most populated parts of the village.

Long Stratton issues were raised by a parishioner and how that has suffered by development with inadequate investment in the infrastructure, in particular the roads.

Parishioners were assured of the support of the Parish Council in making representation about parishioners views on sites, but were also asked to do their bit by helping councillors with tasks that would need to be done.

Parishioners asked whether it was necessary for them to make individual submissions as well the one by the PC. It was noted that it would carry more weight if individuals and the PC made submissions.

5. GREATER NORWICH LOCAL PLAN

5.1 To Receive an overview of new site proposals put forward under Regulation 18 (GNLP2041, GNLP2042, GNLP2103 and GNLP2128)

Cllr Rita Land gave an overview of the new proposed sites, highlighting that these were just proposals as this stage but that residents needed to ensure they submit their own comments to the GNLP as well as the Parish Council to demonstrate the strength of feeling.

5.2 To Review Suitability Assessment identified in GNLP Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)

Cllr Rita Land explained that she had undertaken a review of the site assessments for each site and identified findings that it was felt were inaccurate. It was highlighted that parishioners have an important part to play in contributing local knowledge.

5.3 To identify specific matters relating to each of the three sites

Matters were identified during the Parishioners Forum at 4.2 Water pressure was reported as being inadequate by residents living in The Street, with water pumps having to be used in some properties to mitigate the problem.

It was stated by one parishioner that the land of one site from Tinkers Lane to Bonds Road is on land of historical importance and was known as Mill Green. This land used to be common land and was recorded on Fadan's map of South Norfolk 1797 and is recorded in the booklet 'Tivetshall – Out of the Past'.

5.4 Consider and agree next steps to enable a response by the consultation deadline

Cllrs Rita Land asked residents to send the PC copies of their responses to the GNLP so these can be included in the Parish Council submission on the consultation. It would be helpful if residents could send information to the PC by the end of November to allow time to compile comments to meet the deadline of 14th December 2018. Further consideration to be given to next steps at the next PC meeting on 14th November.

6 URGENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CARRYING FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING

7 TIME OF THE NEXT ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This had already been agreed as Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Meeting finished at 9.10 pm