

Minutes of Meeting [note: these are draft as not yet approved/accepted].

Apologies for absence – Kim Austin, Parish Clerk, for reasons previously stated. Apology accepted.

Declarations of interest – None.

Councillors in attendance – Jean Kaye as Chair, Duncan Gregory as Vice-Chair, Kate Winslow, Ian Robertson, Irene Smith, Alan DuJon, Roy Shovelar.

Public in attendance – 10 members of the public were present.

Items to discuss:

1. Planning Application 3PL/2018/1101/F two houses & treatment plant, Marlpit Road.
2. Planning Application/Appeal 3PL/2018/1418/PIP & APP/F2605/W/18/3212256, 4 dwellings, Hallfield Road.

In order to facilitate the request of an applicant, the order was business was changed by agreement of all present, item 2 was discussed first.

Item 2, Hallfield Lane.

Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

Applicant spoke giving details & reasons; because of stated failure by Breckland Council to process application in the prescribed period an appeal lodged and application made at the same time. 3 to 4 affordable houses, & various details explained. 3 minute time period extended by Chair to allow applicant to finish in full.

Member of public spoke in favour; it could enable Thompson Parish Council (TPC) to work in conjunction with the developers.

Another person spoke in favour; mentioning other villages where building works are taking place.

Meeting resumed.

Discussion in detail took place. Some points of note: An explanation of 'affordable housing' was requested, this apparently does exist in an official format. Thompson is officially a low growth village. The 20-year Breckland plan suggests a 5% growth, which for Thompson equates to six houses / one house every four years. Application outside settlement boundary. Wishes of all villagers per 2016 village appraisal. Affordable housing may benefit Thompson to encourage new blood / younger people. Difficulty of Breckland securing housing targets. Difficulty ensuring affordable housing constructed – working with an organisation such as 'Flagship' would ensure true affordable housing would result.

Does TPC wish to make official response to the application? Yes, by unanimous decision.

What is the response to be? Against the application by a majority decision. Response to be in writing.

Item 1, Marlpit Road.

Meeting adjourned to allow members of the public to speak.

Member of public spoke against the application, mentioning the final discharge of treated waste would acerbate the existing problem of surface water / rainfall already affecting properties [nos 3, 5, 7, 9 in Pockthorpe Lane & two properties in Meadowlands] adjacent to the proposed new houses.

Another person spoke against, mentioning discharge into a ditch as at present, the ditch already cannot cope. The application stated neighbours had been consulted – this was strongly refuted as no-one had been approached for their input. It was an over-development and did nothing to enhance the village, but detracted from it.

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Another person spoke against, reiterating the existing problem of surface water, drainage and the proposal would make matters worse. Their deeds show that the proposed outlet ditch was in fact owned by them, and any proposed use of this therefore would need their permission. They have not been approached and no permission has been given.

Another person spoke against, agreeing with all the previous objections.

Extended discussion took place amongst all present, especially relating to drainage and flooding and how allowing any other properties to be built would create unmanageable conditions for the already very problematic state of affairs. Suggestion made that The Environment Agency could be contacted to elicit their help.

Meeting resumed.

Discussion took place.

Does TPC wish to make official response to the application? Yes, by unanimous decision.

What is the response to be? Against the application by a unanimous decision. Response to be in writing, with the request that our objections be stated in the strongest possible terms.

Meeting closed, Chair thanking all who attended.



Signed

Date