

## Offton and Willisham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Offton Village Hall,  
on Thursday 20th January 2022 @ 7pm.

Present: Cllr S Warnes (Chair), Cllr D Cattermole, Cllr A Rumsey, Cllr A Bye, Cllr A Chaplin, Cllr A Cox, Cllr C Pinson-Roxburgh, Cllr I Gilson

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| <p><b>1.a)</b></p> <p><b>b)</b></p> <p><b>c)</b></p> <p><b>d)</b></p> | <p><b><u>Meeting Administration</u></b></p> <p><b>Welcome by Chair and opening of the meeting;</b> The Chair opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.</p> <p><b>Apologies for absence;</b><br/>Sent by Cty Cllr K Oakes, Dst Cllr D Pratt &amp; Parish Clerk</p> <p><b>Declarations of Interest;</b> None Received</p> <p><b>To hear from members of the public, including the District and County Councillors</b></p> <p>There were no members of the public, county or district councillors present</p>   |  |
| <p><b>2. a)</b></p>   | <p><b>BMSDC Planning Requested Consultation</b></p> <p><b>DC/21/06882 - Outline Planning Application, Erection of up to 270 dwellings (100 affordable) - re-submission of DC/20/05046</b></p> <p>The Chair, read the councils points regarding the above application from the last parish council meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the plans put forward were very similar to the original plans.</p> <p>It was considered that the landscape would be detrimentally affected by the number of houses and the area would start the process of merging Needham with Barking.</p> <p>It was noted that being low lands and could add to the already present flooding issue.</p> <p>Further comments included that the current infrastructure i.e. health centre is not sufficient to withstand this level of housing.</p> |  |

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|              | <p>Cllr Cattermole proposed we vote for a rejection to the permission, seconded by Cllr Pinson-Roxburgh. Vote was unanimously in favour.</p> <p>It was agreed our objection should be supported by the below points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We supported the comments of the preservation society. Regarding detrimental impact on the surrounding area.</li> <li>● The local council have reached their land supply so why would they consider further green field development.</li> <li>● No suitable access to highway and major trunk roads. i.e. A14</li> <li>● Infrastructure not sufficient. Health centre at capacity and middle school is closed</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>3. a)</b> | <p><b>DC/21/06849 - Full Planning Application, Conversion of 3 holiday cottages into 1 dwelling, Strawberries Lane, Willisham</b></p> <p>The councils general consensus was this change of use would not be detrimental to the area. No objections were received.</p> <p>Cllr Cox proposed we vote for approval, seconded by Cllr Cattermole. Vote was unanimously in favour.</p>   |  |
| <b>4. a)</b> | <p><b>BMSDC Planning Requested Consultation</b></p> <p><b>DC/21/ 06556 - Full Planning Application, Erection of 2 single storey dwellings &amp; garages -</b></p> <p>There were a number of comments both in favour and objecting to this planning consent.</p> <p>Comment was made to it being outside of the settlement boundary and on green field.</p> <p>A member considered conversion of the redundant buildings in towns would be more relevant, than further development on agricultural land.</p> <p>There was concern that the plots may fall outside of the parish boundary but it was agreed that it should be considered, as in Willisham.</p> <p>Cllr Cox proposed, seconded by Cllr Gilson, approval but with the caveats as per previously application. A restricted covenant applied and the issue of the flooding of the road is rectified. The vote was carried with 5 members in favour and 3 members against.</p> |  |
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