

RISBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the planning meeting held on Thursday 11th August 2016

Councillors present: Derrick Abrey (Chairman), Ian Turner, Simon Gray and Chris Sutton

Also present: Joanne Kirk (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

The following issues were raised during the Open Forum:

- The lack of parking on the application for the Crematorium
- The Saturday bus service which is being reintroduced at the end of August.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Julian Read, Jill Gray and Steve Smith.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda.

3. Planning

- **DC/16/1295/FUL - West Suffolk Crematorium, School Road, Risby - Chapel and bereavement centre with associated floral tribute, landscaping, parking and ancillary works**

It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application however a comment would be submitted asking if a concealed entrance sign or similar could be installed at the entrance to the crematorium to warn drivers of slow moving traffic as the speed limit on the section of road outside is 60mph and the entrance is near a blind bend.

- **DC/16/1528/TPO - The Old Rectory, School Road, Risby - TPO 89 193 3 - fell one horse chestnut and two beech trees**

It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application as the trees are diseased and need felling.

4. Letter from John Griffiths in response to the Parish Council's letter raising concerns about Risby Business Park – for information only

The letter explains that the original Master plan is not a legally binding document.

Planners have engaged with GAP and tried to find an acceptable use of the site which balances the need to protect residential amenity with the need to provide adequate levels of local employment. The Borough Council has an obligation to consider both aspects, despite their potentially competing nature.

All feasible informal channels have now been expended with formal enforcement action seemingly the only option available to negate the impact of the unauthorised use of the site. This is not a decision to be taken lightly as the potential financial burden will be borne by the Borough Council.

A further update should be available by mid August.

The clerk was asked to contact John Griffiths for an update and to find out how many local people are currently employed on the site or will be in future.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03pm.

Signed (Chairman) Dated