

RISBY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the planning meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021
Church of St Giles, Risby

Councillors present: Ian Turner (Vice-chairman), Simon Gray, Steve Smith, Chris Sutton and John Fairlie.

Also present: 9 members of the public were present.

In accordance with Covid-19 protocol, a separate list of attendees was compiled in the event of the need to inform Track and Trace.

In the absence of the Chairman, Ian Turner chaired the meeting.

Open Forum

The following issues were raised during the Open Forum:

- Objections DC/21/0881/OUT.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Derrick Abrey sent his apologies. He chose not to attend the meeting as he is related to the applicant of planning application.

2. Declaration of Interests in any items on the agenda and dispensation requests

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda. No dispensation requests were made.

3. Planning

a) DC/21/0881/OUT – Charman’s Farm School Road Risby - Outline planning application (all matters reserved) - up to five dwellings and associated garages (demolition of existing grain barn)

As this is an outline planning application, councillors commented that there is no detail in respect of materials, design, street scene and surface water drainage therefore at this stage they can only comment on the principle and potential impact of the development.

It was resolved that Risby Parish Council would object to this planning application as the scheme does not accord with Policy DM22 (Residential Design) and DM27 (Housing in the Countryside) of the JDMPD for reasons of highways safety:

- Hall Lane is a single track road that has no provision for safe pedestrian usage.
- Hall Lane cannot be widened
- Increased traffic will prove a hazard to users of the lane.
- The visibility splay at the site entrance does not meet the design standards of 43m for a 30mph road, or even 25m for a 20mph road (assuming traffic travels slower down a single track lane), particularly when looking left from the site entrance where trees and vegetation around the nursing home blocks the view.

4. Any other business for noting or including on the next agenda

The following issues are for noting

a) Three new sites have been proposed for development by landowners through the West Suffolk Council Call for Sites (October 2020). These are:

- WS1059 land west of Hall Lane. This includes all of the agricultural buildings that formed Charman’s Farm and the site of the recent Class Q development and planning DC/21/0881/OU
- WS1060 land north of School Road which covers the meadow between School Road, the Risby Hall Nursing Home, Charman’s Farm and Southview.
- WS1061 land east of Hall Lane which covers the meadow to the east of Hall Lane, between Lethrede and the entrance to the public footpath.

b) Birch hedging that is overgrowing the highway near to the junction of School Road and South Street.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Signed (Chairman) Dated