

RISBY PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the planning meeting held on Thursday 18th January 2024.**

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

Also present: Ten members of the public.

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

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from parish councillors Derrick Abrey (Chairman) and Ben Ramsay and the reason for absence accepted. District Councillor Susan Glossop and the clerk, Joanne Kirk, also sent their apologies.

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

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda and no dispensation requests were received.

3. Public session (15 minutes).

The following issues were raised during the public session:

- Concerns about planning application DC/23/2097/FUL and the adverse impact on neighbouring properties in terms of noise, light pollution, etc. If B2 use is allowed on the Business Park, this would set a precedent which does not comply with the Masterplan for the site.
- Concerns about DC/20/2231/OUT, in particular relating to the access to the site. A more suitable and safer access would be through Charman's Farm.

4. Planning.

a) DC/23/2097/FUL - Unit 5B, Risby Business Park - Partial change of use of B1/B8 unit to include general industrial (class B2 use).

It was resolved that Risby Parish Council would object to this application for the following reasons:

- A change of use from B1/B8 to B2 does not conform with West Suffolk Council's planning policy. The West Suffolk Council Masterplan for Risby Business Park and Rural Vision 2031 only allow B1 and B8 usage on the site, with the Masterplan explicitly stating that B2 usage would not be permitted on this site.
- There is already a past history of enforcement on this site (GAP UK) which should have been taken into consideration by West Suffolk Council Enforcement. Risby Parish Council does not understand why the applicant was advised by Enforcement to put in a retrospective application particularly in the light of past history and the fact that it would be contrary to planning policy.
- Risby Parish Council is unhappy with the action taken by Enforcement. Risby Parish Council was not contacted about the site and does not believe that they researched the background history properly and their actions have caused distress and financial loss to one of the other businesses on the site. No consideration should ever have been given to B2 usage and this should have been made clear to Optimise and Steam from the start. It is business park not an industrial park.
- Risby Parish Council's priority is to protect the residential amenity of Risby residents, particularly in Welham Lane and South Street and other tenants on the site who rented on the understanding that it was a business park for B1/B8 use only.

b) DC/20/2231/OUT - Reconsult notification - amended plans - outline planning application - one dwelling and hardstanding.

It was resolved that no objection would be made to the application provided the conditions requested by Suffolk Highways relating to the access are adhered to.

5. Any other business for noting or including on the next agenda on Thursday 7th March 2024.

The following items are for noting:

- George Gittus has invited councillors to attend a meeting with AJN Steelstock. The proposed date is Thursday 15th February 2024.
- Dog fouling on the footpath between South Street and Risby Primary School. Notices will be displayed reminding dog owner to clear up after their dogs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Signed (Chairman) Dated