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**MINUTES OF THE SEDGFORD PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING
MEETING ON FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019 AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

1. Welcome - Cllr. Crump welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

Public Session – 3 members of the public were present which included Mr Barber for Whin Close Planning applications

Apologies Accepted – Cllrs J. Hipkin and M. Frost

Present – Cllrs S. Crump, H. Head (left at 15.11), T. Crosley (left at 14.57), B. Clark, C. Curry and the Parish Clerk

Declaration of interests – Cllr H. Head who left at item 3.5

Cllr Crump outlined the nominations for Parish and Borough Elections which are;
Parish Council – Bernard Clark, Tamar Crosley, Sue Crump and John Palmer
Borough Council – Stuart Dark, Terry Parish and Adrian Soskin

2. Planning Applications for consideration:

2.1 19/00528/FM Erection of 4 poultry sheds and associated development including the provision of 8 feed silos, 2 weigh rooms, a water storage tank, propane gas cylinders and the enlargement of existing hardstanding and drainage works.

Location: Whin Close, Docking Road, Sedgford.

The Chair invited Mr Barber to outline his planning application. He emphasised that 8 poultry sheds are the maximum number of sheds he intends to build and he explained that he will arrange for a shelter belt of young trees to be planted around the site. Following questions about the disposal of chicken manure, he explained that this will be spread onto his land. However, if there was a surplus, he was already receiving enquires about obtaining chicken manure from interested farmers/local people. He was also asked about the volume of lorries and he anticipated a maximum of 30 lorryloads per year.

The Chair asked whether heritage and archaeological excavations were going to be carried out and Mr Barber explained that SHARP had been out to the site and considerable excavations have been carried out as the site is a former WWI airfield.

The Chair asked about disturbance to the wild geese: Mr Barber explained that they don't have pink-footed geese on this field as these geese prefer sugar beet fields and open fields, and are not keen on areas close to woods.

The Chair raised concern about water courses and dirty water leaching into the land. Mr Barber explained that the floors to the poultry sheds are 10 inches/25cms deep and dirty water from the floors and the cleaning of the sheds would be collected in underground storage tanks and this slurry would be taken and spread on his land.

A member of public present in the meeting asked about the environmental permit – the original permit issued for the erection of 4 poultry sheds has been varied to allow the additional 4 poultry sheds.

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The parish clerk explained that because of the scale of the planning application, it will be going before the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk Planning Committee.

Cllr Clark proposed supporting the application with Cllr Head seconding the motion. All Councillors at the meeting were in favour.

2.1.1 19/00550/F Erection of Farm Manager's Dwelling

Location: Whin Close, Docking Road, Sedgeford.

2.1.2 19/00551/F Erection of Farmworkers Dwelling and garage

Location: Whin Close, Docking Road, Sedgeford.

Mr. Barber explained that both of these properties are tied to the poultry farm and they will both have the condition of agricultural usage. He explained the reasons why the farm manager and assistant need to live on site. The two properties will benefit from underground heating fed by the biomass boiler used for the poultry farm.

Cllr Head asked for confirmation that these two properties will also have trees planted for screening to keep the rural views. Mr Barber confirmed that trees will be planted though they will be smaller trees as these establish quicker than larger trees.

Cllr Clark proposed supporting the application with Cllr Head seconding the motion. All Councillors at the meeting were in favour.

2.2 19/00553/F VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING

PERMISSION Conversion to residential of existing barn including provision of accommodation at lower ground floor

Location: Agricultural Barn, Fring Road, Sedgeford

Further information was required to ascertain exactly what the variation to condition 2 involved and the parish clerk was requested to discuss this with the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk – Planning Department. This planning application will be discussed further at the Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th April.

2.3 19/00501/F Extension to the side and rear of dwelling

Location: Brookdale Cottage Church Lane Sedgeford Hunstanton

Following discussions that this planning application had previously been approved, Cllr Crosley proposed supporting the application and Cllr Clark seconded with all the parish councillors present being in favour.

3 A.O.B. and items for the next Agenda

3.1 Norfolk County Council - proposed Traffic Regulation Orders affecting the A149.

The chair outlined that Sedgeford Parish Council has been asked by Norfolk CC to comment on their proposals to close the junctions from the A149 at Common Road and Station Road in Snettisham and to introduce 2 sections of 50mph limit around Heacham and between the Dersingham roundabout and Babingley. Although the official deadline for replies is the 18th April, the Parish Council has been given an extension of a week and, therefore, this will be included as an agenda item for further discussion at the parish meeting on Wednesday 17th April.

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After viewing the maps outlining the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, concern was raised that the proposal of closing the junctions would force traffic through villages and not down the by-pass. The Parish Council opposed the proposed road closures and was concerned about the inconsistencies of speed limits along the route.

3.2 Concern was raised about the height of the new fence at Wisbech House as the height from the ground was 4 foot and the fence was 6 foot high making a 10 foot barrier and the Parish Council was concerned about this causing visibility issues for road users.

The Chair and Clerk will discuss the concerns with the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk – Planning Departments Enforcement Officer.

3.3 Cllr Curry explained that he had been approached by Mr. Piggins on the state of a tin fence backing onto the playing field. This item will be included on the agenda for the parish council meeting of Wednesday 17th April.

3.4 Cllr Clark informed the meeting that a car was still parked on the Village Pound and this item will also be included on the agenda for the parish council meeting of Wednesday 17th April.

At this point Cllr Head left the meeting

3.5 19/00360/F Conversion of outbuilding to annex at High House, Docking Road
Following further discussion about the wording of comments on the application it was agreed that the wording should be: The Parish Council ask that a restriction be placed on the development that it is for residential use only and not for commercial gain. They further ask that the annex is not used as a holiday let and remains in the curtilage of the existing building and cannot be sold on as a separate building.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th April 2019