

Minutes of Westhall Parish Council special planning meeting Monday 12th June 2017 7.30 Westhall Village Hall

Councillors Present: Mr P Langford (Chairman), Mrs E Clark, Mr J Lickman, Mrs L McTaggart, Mr K Studd and Mrs L Studd (also as Clerk)

In Attendance: Members of the public

1. **Apologies and acknowledgment of absences:** None received, but Mr C Baker absent.
2. **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** None.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Resolution passed that minutes of 8th May AGM are correct record.
4. **Chairman and Clerk's report on progress of actions from last meeting(s):** all actions completed but following noted:
 - Item 8 (Oct meeting) - Mill Common parking area - weeds have been cleared and Meadow Close verge grass seeded.
 - Item 6e (Jan meeting) - SCC's footpaths committee is meeting on 21st June to discuss the missing links in footpath 14 and bridleway 16 near Stradbroke Town Farm.
 - Item 3 (Feb meeting) - WDC granted planning permission for the two new poultry units at Fox Covert farm. Report and permission are on Westhall website.
 - Item 6 (May AGM) - internal audit completed and annual return sent to external auditors. Electors' right to inspect accounts are explained on noticeboard and website.
 - Item 7 (May AGM) - Westhall CC has agreed that Hall may be used in event of emergency. Parish has been divided into 6 areas and volunteers are sought for Locks Road, Bacons Green Road and Church area.
 - Item 11 (May AGM) - Waveney Norse have confirmed will cut grass behind Meadow Close.
5. **Pre-planning application consultation:** EE's proposed 15m mast at Lower Common is purely intended to improve 4G and call coverage on Ipswich to Lowestoft line, but will give some improvement at Mill Common and Cox Common. When asked about other options, developer had suggested 20-25m mast could hold more antenna, thereby increasing coverage. Agreed PC had no objection in principle, but would welcome maximum benefit for the parish from one, minimum sized installation. If that meant a 25m mast in this site, that would be preferable to several 15m masts. **Action: Clerk to contact developer: (a) to research options for maximising parish-wide coverage, which might include reducing / removing Mr S Darch's poplar trees (b) to obtain a photo montage of a 25m mast (c) to obtain an assurance of no interference with residents' TV reception (d) to establish where services run to mast site. Aim is to obtain this information in time for PC's July meeting.**
6. **Any items of information:** None
7. **Next meeting:** 10th July 2017.

Meeting closed at 8pm.