

Minutes of the meeting of the planning committee of Kirby Cane & Ellingham Parish Council at Kirby Cane Memorial Hall on Monday, 20th August 2023 at 6.00pm

Present:

Richard Canham John Cook Lesley Lodge James Lally
Julie Pickering Michael Skipper Iain Wright
Also the clerk to the council, Jane Love and 7 residents

1. To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Kerry Mallard and Andrew Raymant.

2. To receive declarations of interest from members on items on the agenda, and any requests for a dispensation on those interests:

Cllr Pickering declared that she was an owner of one of the properties opposite the site.

3. To approve the minutes of the planning committee meeting on 20th February, 2023:

The minutes of the meeting on 20th February 2023 were agreed to be correct and were signed by the chairman of the planning committee.

4. Opportunity for public participation:

Residents put forward their views on the planning application to be discussed.

5. To consider planning application 2023/2069:-

Land South Of Old Yarmouth Road Ellingham Norfolk
Erection of 3 dwellings and associated garages, access and landscaping works
Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Although the applicant and their agent had been invited to the meeting, neither attended, and Cllr Skipper noted that this was unfortunate as it meant that it was difficult to have any questions immediately addressed and details of the application clarified.

The councillors understood concerns of nearby residents about a number of issues, particularly loss of privacy for the two properties perpendicular to the site on the western side, and loss of outlook for those directly opposite.

Councillors had two other significant concerns: 1) the impact on the traffic in the area, and 2) the impact on local wildlife.

1) Traffic – the site is close to the sharp left-hand bend which is encountered for vehicles leaving the A143 and joining Old Yarmouth Road. Parking is already an issue in this location as residents and visitors need to park their cars on the road – development of this site would restrict the possibility for parking, add extra vehicles in the area, and also add another vehicle access point close to the sharp bend in the road;

2) Wildlife – residents had pointed out that local wildlife had already been impacted by the cutting down of the trees on the site (mostly silver birch) and the construction of three dwellings would undermine whatever birdlife and other creatures that were left on the site and in the surrounding area.

Residents had also expressed concerns about drainage on the site, and whether the local drainage system/water table could cope with additional pressure.

Following discussion, a majority of councillors voted to object to the application, and asked the clerk to respond accordingly to South Norfolk Council.

6. To receive items for information:

There were none.

7. Date of next meeting – TBA

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.49pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated.....