

## **BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE LORAINÉ PARISH ROOM, BRAMFORD ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**PRESENT:** Mrs M Brand, C Bush, B Earchy, J Gardiner, W Holton, G Key, Mrs C Mobbs.

#### **1.9 APOLOGIES**

J Hooker

#### **2.9 Declaration of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda**

None received

#### **3.9 PLANNING**

- a. 2057/15 – Land opposite Runcion Cottage, Loraine Way, Bramford –  
Proposal – Variation of conditions 13 (Parking), 16 (waste, storage and collection) and 18 (approved plans) of planning permission 2914/11 (Use of land for the siting of 3 x 2 bedroom static caravans and 1 touring caravan for occupation by gypsies/travellers. Erection of single storey amenity building, boundary wall and access gates construction of hard standing and new vehicular access.

Councillors noted the applicant has proposed an increase to the size of the amenity block but have no information to establish why this additional space is now required, when original dimensions were considered adequate, and would remind the planning department of previous concerns over this building being potentially converted into a dwelling.

However, they can find no relevant grounds in planning law for objecting on the grounds of current information available and note that the amendment will have little impact on the public-facing aspect of the site.

Significant concerns were raised regarding the high soil bank to the rear of the amenity block and proposed placement of the waste storage bins, on the grounds of health and safety. It is unclear what preventative measures have been considered to ensure the safety of site residents or visitors in and around this area and again, while not a direct planning factor, councillors felt it important to bring this to the attention of the planning department.

Concerns were also raised as to the current size of the plot and its capacity to include all aspects of the original application, regardless of this proposed amendment, and councillors felt it appropriate that Mid Suffolk District Council consider visiting the site to establish suitable space exists for the proposed application.

Councillors were unable to consider an amendment to the perimeter fencing due to a lack of available information from the Mid Suffolk planning department at the time of the meeting.

In conclusion Bramford Parish Council have no grounds, in planning law, for objecting to this amended application but would draw attention to the large soil bank in close proximity to both the amenity block and waste bin storage that could impact on the safety of residents on the site.

Meeting closed 7.50pm

Chairman

Date