

BERGH APTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Friday, 23rd January 2004 at 7.30pm at the Church
 Present: Alison Freeman (Chairman) John Ling, Chris Johnson, Jean Bobbin and David Skedge
 Also present: the Clerk (Lorie Lain-Rogers) and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Derek Blake and Sally Leigh
2. **Declaration of Interest:** John Ling and declared a personal interest in item 3 Planning Application for Bussey Bridge Farm as a friend and neighbour of all involved. Alison Freeman declared a personal interest in item 3 as an employer of Mrs. A. Kerry and Chris Johnson declared a personal and a prejudicial interest as a close neighbour of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kerry in item 3 and he will abstain from speaking and voting and absent himself from the meeting at that point.
3. **Planning Application: Bussey Bridge farm:** E07/03/2476/AG proposed erection of pole barn the Chairman outlined the application and drew members attention to matters that were and were not a material consideration in deciding the recommendation to send to South Norfolk Council. She read out the two letters received from members of the public which were copies of those sent to the Chief Planning Officer, in summary the writers opposed the proposal, principally on grounds that duck and turkey rearing operations to be carried out there would harm the local environment and that the roads that serviced the barn were not designed to carry the heavy vehicles requiring access to the operations carried out in the barn.
 Public consultation: John Ling proposed closure of the meeting to allow members of the public to speak, this was seconded by Jean Bobbin and agreed unanimously. After a full discussion on the planning application and matters raised. John Ling proposed re-opening the meeting, seconded by Jean Bobbin and agreed unanimously.
 Further discussion followed during which it was noted with approval that the applicant's plans required the buildings to be coloured green, and that this would reduce the visual impact in a Conservation area.
 It was also noted that the buildings defined on the plan of the area did not reflect the buildings on the ground, but that the differences did not affect the issue of planning consent.
 It was agreed unanimously that the planning application should be recommended for approval. It was also agreed that there were environmental issues of sufficient concern that the Parish Council will ask the District Council to carry out an environmental impact study to be completed before building work may begin. The study should assess what actions were required to safeguard the environment in the area of duck and turkey rearing operations on the farm, and the quiet lives of the community close to the farm. The Parish Council would request a copy of the report

It was agreed that the report should include such issues as:

1. Satisfactory disposal of effluent or manure and the satisfactory chemical cleansing of the building between batches of livestock, rainwater run off, disposal of dead livestock, check on the water supply. In addition drawing to the Planners attention the close proximity of the River Chet.
2. Adherence to Norfolk County Council guidelines on the use of farm vehicles on country roads and the clearing of mud from roads as a matter of good practice
3. Guidance on the times of loading and unloading livestock to minimise disturbance to the neighbours.
4. The reasonable distance from adjacent housing that duck & turkey rearing operations may be carried out.
5. The safety of adjacent buildings (two of which are thatched) and woods taking into consideration the use of propane-fired chick-heating equipment.

4. **Date of next meeting** Wednesday, 11th February 2004

The meeting closed at 8.20pm