

ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES of Alfold Parish Council held on **Tuesday 29th October 2013** in Alfold Village Hall, Alfold at 7.30pm

Present: Mr N Pidgeon (Chairman); Mrs P Mayne; Mrs B Ames; Mr C Copus; Mr K Deanus
Mrs B Weddell (Clerk);
Mary Foryszewski, Waverley Borough Councillor and nineteen members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Dr J Masding.

13/099 Declarations of Interest

Mr Pidgeon declared a personal interest in WA/2013/1593.

ACTION

The business of the meeting was suspended to allow comments from the public regarding the following planning applications.

13/100 Planning

After full consideration of the following applications, Alfold Parish Council decided to comment as follows:

WA/2013/1698/9 Application under Section 73A to vary Condition 6 of WA/2010/1206/7 to allow alteration to car port. The Old Farm House, Stovolds Hill. **Postponed to next meeting**

WA/2013/1646 Display of illuminated and non-illuminated signs. Alfold Service Station, Horsham Road, Alfold **No objection**

WA/2013/1593 Erection of two polytunnels for livestock use. Bonfire Hangar, Rosemary Lane, Alfold **Letter of OBJECTION appended**

WA/2013/1617 Outline Application with all matters reserved for the erection of 104 dwellings (including 30 affordable dwellings), a primary school, retail and community health buildings, alterations to highway and associated works. Land West of Sweeters Copse, Loxwood Road, Alfold **Letter of OBJECTION appended**

13/101 Accounts for Payment. Payments were approved and receipts were noted. The attached Order for Payments was signed by the Chairman, one Councillor and the Clerk.

13/102 Correspondence

Mr Trafford had written to clarify some points regarding Planning Application WA/2013/1617. He had requested that the letter be put on the parish council's website and it was agreed that this would not be appropriate and could be included with the application documents on Waverley's website.

13/103 Items for information or inclusion on a future agenda

The Parish Council had been informed that an application for 23 houses at Chapel Field had been validated. It was agreed that a planning meeting would be held in the main hall during November in order to receive comments

about the application from the public and for the Parish Council to consider its response.

Clerk

13/104

Next Meeting

12th November, 7.30pm Alfold Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:00

ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

7 November 2013

Kathryn Pearson
Planning Department
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
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Dear Mrs Pearson

RE: WA/2013/1617 Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 104 dwellings (including 30 affordable dwellings), a primary school, retail and community health buildings, alterations to highway and associated works. Land West of Sweeters Copse, Loxwood Road, Alfold.

Alfold Parish Council has considered this application and **OBJECTS**.

The Parish Council has taken into account the views of residents expressed at a Public Meeting to discuss the application, the minutes of which are appended to this letter. They have also taken into account the results of a Housing Need Survey, carried out by Surrey Community Action in December 2012 and adopted by the Parish Council. The Survey showed that 67% of Alfold residents believe the current housing stock is serving Alfold well; 64% supported an Affordable Housing Project to meet the needs of local residents, however, an overwhelming 81% said they would not be in favour of a housing development taking place in Alfold of 50 or more houses being a mixture of affordable and market houses.

The Parish Council considers that some development in the village would be beneficial and would help support the existing services. However, this proposed development would increase the size of the village by approximately 25%, the village atmosphere would be lost and existing local services would potentially lose business to the proposed new retail units.

The Parish Council does not believe the proposed development is sustainable and does not believe there is a proven local need for this amount of housing in Alfold. There are brownfield sites suitable for development in Waverley and as such, green field sites such as this should be protected.

Alfold Parish Council and local residents are concerned about the increased traffic which would result in a development of this size, particularly on Alfold Crossways junction and the northbound A281. This becomes more of a concern when taking into account the additional traffic which will be generated from the Wildwood Golf Club development and other proposed

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developments in the village and surrounding areas. There are also objections to the proposed roundabout, both in terms of congestion on the B2133 and a safety hazard on what is already a dangerous bend.

The existing pumping station and sewer network in Alfold is already acknowledged to be at capacity, with many residents experiencing sewage flooding during periods of heavy rain. It is essential that Thames Water and the Environment Agency approve arrangements for waste water and surface water drainage.

The Parish Council is concerned about the impact of light pollution on the local amenity. There is currently no street lighting in Alfold and previous research has indicated an overwhelming objection to lighting in the village.

Parents with young children in the village already experience difficulty in getting places for their children at nearby schools. The proposals for a primary school and community health centre are aspirational and unlikely to happen. There is no commercial proven need for 9 retail units and the financial viability is questionable. Therefore, the Parish Council concludes that the proposed development offers no real benefit to Alfold and is unsustainable.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell
Clerk to Alfold Parish Council

ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

30 October 2013

Mrs H Hobbs
Planning Department
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Dear Mrs Hobbs

RE: WA/2013/1593 Erection of 2 polytunnels for livestock use. Bonfire Hanger, Rosemary Lane, Alfold.

Alfold Parish Council has considered this application and cannot approve it on the basis of the information available and therefore **OBJECTS**.

The Parish Council is not satisfied that there is a proven need for this type of periodic activity in this location, given that the majority of the applicant's farming activities are carried out elsewhere. The Parish Council is concerned about the lack of infrastructure in the location for the running of an enterprise of this type and size.

The Parish Council also has concerns about the amount of traffic that would be generated in relation to the development. Rosemary Lane is a very narrow rural lane, unsuitable for heavy vehicles, which would be required to transport the feed and livestock to and from the site.

Finally, Parish Council is also concerned about the visual intrusion of the polytunnels in an Area of Great Landscape Value.

Yours sincerely

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Schedule of receipts and order for payments for October 2013

To be approved under Agenda item 5 at the Parish Council meeting on 29.10.13

RECEIPTS

Payer:	Detail:	Amount:
		£00.00
	Total	£00.00

PAYMENTS

Payee:	Detail:	Amount:
Dark Group	Alfold.org domain	£ 30.00
		£
	Total	£ 30.00

EXPENDITURE TO BE RATIFIED – paid since last Parish Council Meeting:

Payee:	Detail:	Amount:
B Weddell	October Salary	£522.25
Johnstone Grounds	August grasscutting	£627.00
Johnstone Grounds	September grasscutting	£627.00
	Total	£1776.25

Total receipts £0.00

Total expenditure £1806.25

Signed by Chairman: Date:

Signed by Councillor: Date:

Signed by Clerk/RFO: Date: