

ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Alfold Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 19th April 2016** at Alfold Village Hall.

Present: Mr Nik Pidgeon (Chairman); Mrs Penni Mayne (part); Mrs Betty Ames; Mr Alasdair Denton-Miller; Mr Wayne Mouring; Mr Adrian Erricker; Mrs B Weddell (Clerk)

Cllr Kevin Deanus (part), Representatives of Protect Our Waverley (POW) Campaign and 30 members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies had been received from Mr Nigel Budd.

16/033

Declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items

Mrs Ames declared a personal interest in planning applications NMA/2016/0064, WA/2016/0634 and WA/2015/2395.

16/034

Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that he had met with members of Protect Our Waverley (POW) to discuss general matters and exchange information. Mrs Mayne had attended Loxwood's Annual Parish meeting to speak about the general planning situation in Alfold. The Chairman noted that the Speed Watch team had been active in the village.

16/035

Planning

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

- a) NMA/2016/0064 Amendment to WA/2015/0695 to provide alterations to elevations to Unit 1 and 2; relocation of units 4 & 6; increase of parking spaces. Dunsfold Park. **No comment.**
- b) WA/2016/0581 Erection of single storey extensions and alterations including attached garage. Willowslea, Loxwood Road, Alfold. **No objection.**
- c) WA/2016/0613 Erection of 5 classroom units for a temporary period. Woodland Grange School, Loxwood Road, Alfold. **Letter of comment appended.**
- d) WA/2016/0626 Alterations to form habitable accommodation including installation of rooflights and window. 11 Brockhurst Cottages, Dunsfold Road, Alfold. **Letter of comment appended.**
- e) WA/2016/0634 Application under Section 73 to vary Conditions 1, 2 and 10 of WA/2015/0695 to allow an increase in floor area and D1 use. Dunsfold Park. **Letter of objection appended.**

ACTION

- 16/036** **Update regarding WA/2015/2395 Application for a new settlement at Dunsfold Park.**
The parish council had lodged a preliminary letter of objection and were in the process of preparing a fuller version. The parish council will continue to liaise with neighbouring parish councils and POW.
- The parish council agreed to contribute financially to a review of the WBC Mott MacDonald transport reports, currently being carried out by Vision Transport.
- 16/037** **Planning. Summary of the status of recent Planning Applications for information only**
WA/2015/2341 Erection of two storey extension and front dormer windows. Grasslands, Loxwood Road, Alfold. **Full permission.**
- WA/2015/2261 Outline application for erection of up to 55 dwellings. Land west of Sweeters Copse, Loxwood Road, Alfold. **Full permission.** The Appeal against WBC refusal for 120 dwellings has been withdrawn.
- 16/038** **Accounts for Payment**
Payments were approved and receipts were noted. The attached Order for Payments was approved and signed by the Chairman, one councilor and the Clerk.
- 16/039** **Items of business for information or inclusion on a future agenda.**
There will be a presentation from Biplane at the next meeting. Response to the recent Gatwick Arrivals Review and appointment of a representative to the Noise Management Board will also be on the agenda.
- 16/040** **Next meetings**
Annual Meeting and Annual Assembly 10th May 7.30pm, Alfold Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:05.

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29 April 2016

Mr Tim Bryson
Planning Department
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
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GU7 1HR

Dear Mr Bryson

RE: WA/2016/0634 Application under Section 73 to vary conditions 1, 2 and 10 of WA/2015/0695 to allow increase in floor area and D1 use. Dunsfold Park.

Alfold Parish Council **objects** to this planning application, which if granted would result in an extra 10% of commercial space after the recent permission granted.

It is, of course, very relevant that there is a current application seeking permission for a further 28,466 sqm for industrial use.

The main reason for objection is that the extra square metres will result in further intensification of traffic use. The parish council has previously voiced concern over traffic, which can only be exacerbated by this application.

It is worth remembering that Surrey County Council objected to the application WA/2015/0695 and that objection was not withdrawn. The county council did advise that if the council were minded to grant they would ask for conditions to be imposed, but their objection was not withdrawn as stated. The planning officer took it upon himself to impose conditions but this was after last minute negotiations with the applicant reliant on the applicant's evidence relating to traffic. As far as the parish council is aware, Surrey County Council were not asked to comment or approve the revised traffic cap. There was certainly no consultation with the parish council.

The level of traffic generated by permission WA/2015/0695 and this application touches on what has always been a contentious issue and the parish council would draw your attention to the fact that, at this stage, there is no revised route to take any steps to reduce the traffic impact and with such a loose definition of user, B1 B2 or B8, it would be extremely difficult to limit or control.

The traffic issue should be addressed with the new major application, which is before the council, and to make any expansion of permission WA/2015/0695 would be premature. As Waverley are aware, there is substantial increase in traffic on the A281 planned, which will not only exacerbate congestion, but will inevitably affect the traffic safety – these matters have been commented on previously by the Planning Inspector at appeal and the Secretary of State and that was before any planning permissions which have subsequently been granted to create possibly 1000 residential units in Cranleigh and Alfold, all destined for the A281 (unless using country lanes as rat runs which in itself is unsafe).
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The parish council considers that this is planning by stealth and such a large and important site within the borough should be dealt with on a consolidated and balanced basis and therefore the parish council objects to this application so far as it relates to extra square metres but has no objection to the change of use to facilitate the Jigsaw School.

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell
Clerk to Alfold Parish Council

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3 May 2016

Ms L Smitheman
Planning Department
Waverley Borough Council
The Burys
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Dear Ms Smitheman

RE: WA/2016/0613 Erection of 5 classroom units for a temporary period. Woodland Grange School, Loxwood Road, Alfold.

Alfold Parish Council is disappointed to note that the work which is the subject of this application has already been carried out, however the parish council has no objection. The parish council would request that any planning permission includes a provision for the buildings to be removed within a specified time frame.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Douglas Wright
Planning Department
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Dear Mr Wright

RE: WA/2016/0626 Alterations to loft to form habitable accommodation including installation of rooflights and window. 11 Brockhurst Cottages, Dunsfold Road, Alfold.

Alfold Parish Council has no objection to this application, however they note the objection raised from the neighbouring property regarding overlooking and, if you are minded to grant permission, would request consideration of a condition requiring frosted glass in the new window on the South elevation.

The parish council understands that the application property is a retirement bungalow for occupation by 'old age persons' and has concerns that the provision of accommodation in the loft may not meet the needs of elderly residents in the future.

Yours sincerely

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