

# Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall, The Street, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW on Tuesday 4 August 2015 at 6.00pm

**Present:** Councillors (Cllrs) Penny Borrett, Paul Butler, Michael Collier (Chair), Peter Forster, Gary Hubbard, Jayne Hubbard, Nicholas Owen

**In attendance:** Paul MacLachlan (Clerk) and nine members of the public.

The following documents will be appended to the signed minutes:

- the Agenda;
- the following appendices:
  - 1: Planning Working Group recommendations.

### 1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

### 2 Declarations of Interest

The requirement to update the Register of Interests was noted.  
No further interests were declared. No dispensations were sought.

### The meeting was adjourned for public question time

Cllrs were advised of plans to develop a local business site. The Chairman welcomed the report but advised that it would be inappropriate to comment on proposals until invited to do so by the Planning Authority.

### The meeting reconvened.

### 3. Planning

- (i) Cllrs considered recommendations made by the Planning Working Group (appendix 1) in respect of applications 15/1318 and 15/1332.

#### **Application 15/1318:**

Single storey office building at Fornham Business Park, The Drift

It was proposed by Cllr Gary Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Owen and agreed that the application be **SUPPORTED**.

#### **Application 15/1332:**

Agricultural barn for storage at Fornham Farm, Thetford Road

It was proposed by Cllr Gary Hubbard, seconded by Cllr Owen and agreed that the Council **OBJECT** to the application.

- (ii) **Suffolk County Council consultation PL/01213/15**

Rationalisation of land through the demolition and reorganisation of a number of buildings, the extension to a workshop and the change of use of land to allow the relocation of a recycling facility and the distribution of aggregates at Hollow Road Farm, Hollow Road, Fornham St Martin, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

It was proposed by Cllr Forster, seconded by Cllr Butler and agreed that the application be **SUPPORTED CONDITIONALLY** and that the Clerk circulate revised comments prior to submitting the Council's consultation response.

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## 4. Finance

The Parish Council noted that the Bank of Ireland required completion of a new mandate in order for the Clerk to be registered as the Parish Council's point of contact. It was proposed by Cllr Collier, seconded by Cllr Gary Hubbard and agreed that the resolution required by the Bank on page 8 of the mandate be adopted.

The meeting ended at 6.35pm.

Chairman

17 September 2015

# Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

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## To members of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council

You are duly summoned to attend the meeting of Fornham St Martin cum St Genevieve Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 4 August 2015 at 6.00pm in the Village Hall, The Street, Fornham St Martin, IP31 1SW.



Paul MacLachlan  
Clerk

31 July 2015

## Agenda

### 1. Apologies

To receive apologies and to approve the reason for absence.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

- a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk as soon as possible before the meeting, or failing that, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is required.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest must leave the room for the relevant item.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may be a criminal offence.

### **The meeting will be adjourned for Public Question Time**

The time allocated is at the discretion of the chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda or to raise issues for future consideration.

### 3. Planning

- (i) to consider responses to applications:  
15/1318: single storey office building at Fornham Business Court, The Drift;  
15/1332: Agricultural barn storage at Fornham Farm, Thetford Road.
- (ii) to consider the Parish Council's response to the proposed rationalisation of land through the demolition and reorganisation of a number of buildings, the extension to a workshop and the change of use of land to allow the relocation of a recycling facility and the distribution of aggregates. at Hollow Road Farm, Hollow Road, Fornham St Martin, Bury St Edmunds, IP31 1SJ.

### 4. Finance

To amend the Parish Council's bank mandate at the Bank of Ireland.

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## **Appendix 1: Planning Working Group recommendations Presented to Parish Council meeting dated 4 August 2015**

### **Planning Application DC/15/1318/FUL**

Response by 12<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Single Storey Office Building Fornham Business Court, The Drift, FSM

### **Planning Group recommendation and rationale**

It is recommended that the application be to **SUPPORT**

#### **Rationale**

- existing approved Business Court site since 2002;
- consistent with existing Core Strategy Planning Policies;
- no obvious negative impact on landscape, natural environment, highway safety or amenity;
- aiding potential business/employment growth for existing business client.

### **Planning Application DC/15/1332/FUL**

Response by 10<sup>th</sup> August 2015

Agricultural Farm for Storage Fornham Farm, Thetford Road FSM.

### **Planning Group recommendation and rationale**

It is recommended that the application be to **OBJECT**

#### **Rationale**

- There is Approved Planning for existing agricultural buildings to be converted to a Class C3 residential dwelling;
- Location of proposed farm storage building is too close in proximity to approved C3 dwelling and curtilage;
- Farm storage building is disproportionate in size to footprint and height of existing agricultural buildings which will be converted to a C3 dwelling;
- Concerns over highway safety of entrance and increased traffic issues created by positioning of requested farm storage building;
- Negative impact on existing Landscape of proposed location, size and materials to be utilised.

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## Planning Application PL/0213/15

Response by 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (Note E Mail letter indicates 17th August 2015!)

Application to allow the rationalisation of land through demolition and reorganisation of a number of buildings, the extension to a workshop and change of use of land to allow the relocation of a recycling facility and distribution of aggregates. Hollow Road Farm, FSM.

## Planning Group recommendation and rationale

It is recommended that the application be to **SUPPORT CONDITIONALLY**

It is to be noted that 2 parcels of land are currently not owned by Steve Lumley Planing Ltd but are in the process of acquisition, albeit depending on planning approval.

Both current owners Andrew Long and Philip Ayres have been appropriately advised by Suffolk CC.

In the case of Mr Ayres the land and buildings to be acquired are already in use and approved as Industrial.

In the case of Mr Longs' 1.37 acres of farmland, it sits at the front of the site and adjoining the businesses currently operating on the site. (This is the land, once acquired, requires change of use). The land is currently in poor condition, overgrown with weeds etc. and appears not to have been used for agricultural purposes for some considerable time. It is an awkward piece of land at a lower level with large bunds of soil dividing it from the remainder of Mr Longs' actively utilised agricultural land.

## Our support is conditional on:

- (i) strict adherence to the applicant's statement that *"The proposed development does not seek an intensification of trading or activity levels at the site, it merely seeks to continue that which has been ongoing for many years but in a more rationalised way"*
- (ii) no growth in existing individual business site HGV and trailer licences (to mitigate any additional highway safety and traffic concerns).

## Rationale

- to our knowledge there have never been any resident complaints regarding operations on the current site;
- the present site is relatively concealed but is in need of both re-organisation and tidying;
- within its current scale of activity large mounds of recyclable planings have been seen on the right of the entrance and the proposed relocation of this part of the business should greatly improve the visual impact;
- we accept that Health and safety of employees and visitors to the site will also benefit from re-organisation.

## Concluding Statement

Whilst designated as waste recycling our support is specific to Steve Lumley Planing Ltd its current location and scale. This in no way reflects support for larger scale waste sites of any other type in or near this area.