**SOUTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held at 7pm on Monday,**

**20th June 2011 in the Parish Council Meeting Room.**

1. Present: Mr D Steward-Brown, Mr D Price, Mr M Narborough, Mrs D Gotts, Ms D Scott, Mr A Evans, Mr B Clapham, Mr D Gerrard, Mrs T Cornwell (Parish Clerk)

and Mrs M Kirby (Assistant Clerk).

 Apologies: Mr I Jordan

2. Minutes of last Meeting: – 6th June 2011, these were proposed as a correct record by Mr Clapham, seconded by Mr Evans, with two abstentions these were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interests: None

4. Questions from the Public: None

5. Planning Applications:

11/00868/F

Proposed re-branding of existing Co-op Store at Rainbow Superstore.

Rainbow Centre, Langley Road, South Wootton.

Mrs Cornwell explained that ASDA were simply wishing to replace the existing Co-op signage for ASDA signage. A copy of the plans was circulated to show all areas being rebranded. With no objections, **Mr Steward-Brown proposed that the Parish Council support the Application; this was seconded by Mr Price with all in favour.** Comment was made that the recycling units had been changed recently and that the area had been greatly improved.

2/TPO/00486 – TPO

Tree Preservation order

The Manor House, Low Road, South Wootton.

Mrs Cornwell explained that a Tree Preservation Order had been received to be placed on two trees at The Manor House in South Wootton. Mrs Cornwell stated that one tree was a Copper Beech and the other was a Lime tree. Ms Scott asked if the Parish Council was aware who had made the request for the Preservation order. It is thought that the application was made by the Borough Council; however Mr Gerrard explained that anyone is able to request a Tree Preservation Order. **Mr Steward-Brown proposed that the Parish Council support the Application; this was seconded by Mrs Gotts and unanimously agreed.**

11/00030/TPO

The removal of Pine Tree and 3 Birch Trees subject to 2/TPO/00432.

32 The Birches South Wootton.

Mrs Cornwell explained that this request was for the removal of one Pine tree and three Birch trees. Mr Gerrard read out a letter from the residents at 32 The Birches which was included within the Application. The letter highlighted the problems the residents were experiencing with the trees. It stated that the trees had grown quite large and as well as dropping pine cones and needles were causing a lack of light. Mr Narborough asked why the application needed to be made. It was explained that whilst there is no Tree Preservation order on the trees, they are within a conservation area. Members commented that the map included with the application was an incorrect map. Mr Price asked Mrs Cornwell to highlight this to the Planning Department. **Mrs Gotts proposed that the Parish Council supports the recommendation of the Tree Specialist at the Borough Council; this was seconded by Mr Steward-Brown with all in favour.**

11/000812/O

Two detached houses in grounds of existing property.

The Beeches, 122 Grimston Road, South Wootton

Mrs Cornwell explained that the application was for Outline Planning Permission. Mrs Cornwell read out a letter received from Richard C F Waite Architect and confirmed that each property would have garages for two cars and an additional parking space and turning area. Mr Narborough felt that the plot was large enough to accommodate the proposal and could see no particular problem with the application. Mr Clapham said that a previous application for Outline Planning permission had been approved but the time had since lapsed. Mr Clapham referred to the Parish Design Statement and said that he thought the Parish Council was against the building of houses in back gardens. It was stated that the plots would be almost identical in size to plots on the opposite side of the road. Mr Price said that the Application could be approved in principle subject to the size and design which would be provided in a full application. Mr Gerrard raised concerns regarding the size of the properties and stated that the Application is for two, four bed properties. Mr Steward-Brown felt that approval should be given for only one house. Ms Scott could not see how one house would be better than the two and raised concerns about the possible size of just one house. **Mr Price said in principle the Parish Council are not against the development, but feels that putting two properties would be over development of the site and would agree to support the Application for one, two storey four bed dwelling, this was seconded by Mr Steward-Brown with All in favour.**

10/00959/NMA

Non-material amendment to Planning Consent 10/00959/F

Ashfield House, Hall Lane, South Wootton.

Mrs Cornwell advised members that she had contacted the Planning Department to enquire what the non-material amendment was. Mrs Cornwell advised members that the non-material amendment was to place two roof lights in the garage roof. Members were happy with the change.

PP/Y/2/2011/2011

Provision of 6 bay modular accommodation to provide 2no class bases, toilets, access ramp, steps, paving, installation of external lighting and associated works. Director of Children’s Services Grid Ref: 563927322535

Junior School, Hall Lane, South Wootton.

Mrs Cornwell circulated the plans showing the location of the new mobile classrooms. Mr Price pointed out the exact site and explained that the mobile would have two classrooms with toilet facilities in the middle. Mrs Cornwell stated that Mrs Carter who lives at the property next door to the school had been in to the office to say she had no problem with the proposal. **Mr Price proposed that the Parish Council support the Application; this was seconded by Mr Narborough and unanimously agreed.**

The Borough Council has APPROVED Planning Permission for the following Applications:

11/00556/F

5 Oak Avenue, South Wootton

Proposed rear first floor extension, side extension following demolition of existing, proposed entrance porch extension and pitched roof to existing garage.

Mr Price spoke regarding the Inspectors report which had been received regarding the LDF and Core Strategy. It was said that within the report there was nothing particularly different to what we already knew.

Mr Price advised that the site specifics could be ready in July, although it is thought that they may not be available until September 2011.

Mrs Cornwell advised that she had read through the report and had not noted any changes; Mrs Cornwell requested that members also read the report as it would be an Agenda item to be discussed at the Planning Meeting at the end of July.

Comments were made that in 2008 it was said that 7000 additional homes would be built in the Kings Lynn area. Since that time, however, the development at Wootton Meadows had taken place and Cllr Nick Daubney had given an indication that South Wootton may possibly not be developed further.

Mr Price commented that the Parish Council must keep an eye on its areas.

Mrs Cornwell spoke regarding a recent e-mail received from Mike Knights regarding the Incinerator. Mrs Cornwell read out the e-mail which Mr Knights had written to urge all Parish Councils to write to other Parish Councils in Norfolk to ask them to object to the proposal to build an Incinerator in Kings Lynn. Mr Price felt that it was important to point out to the other Parish Councils that there are better and cheaper alternatives available to dispose of waste. Mr Evans suggested that it would be worth making the Parish Councils aware that smoke would travel east to west and may cause pollution of land.

Mr Gerrard commented that should anyone wish to personally object to the proposal then they should e-mail Caroline Spelman directly. Mr Gerrard said that there are six weeks to object and if anyone was interested, he had a handout which would assist people to make their objections.

Mr Steward-Brown said that he felt the other Parish Councils in Norfolk, may be motivated into voting against the Proposal of an Incinerator as potentially their area could be next.

**Mr Price proposed that the Parish Council should write a letter to other Parish Councils in Norfolk to urge them to object to the Proposal of an Incinerator in Kings Lynn, this was seconded by Mrs Gotts and unanimously agreed.** Mr Price stated that he would prepare a draft letter with the assistance of Mr Gerrard. Mrs Cornwell suggested that the agreed letter could be circulated to the other Norfolk Parishes via the County Association.

6. To discuss Highways Issues:

Mrs Cornwell referred to the request to have wooden posts placed at the entrance to Oak Avenue to stop cars driving on to the verges. The County Council had responded to say that unfortunately at present this is something they are unable to assist with.

Mr Narborough commented regarding the Bus stop opposite the Oak Avenue entrance and said that trees from Corwen Lodge were coming over the road. Mrs Cornwell advised that she would contact the residents. (Clerk’s note: Spoken to Norfolk County Council, the trees are to be trimmed within the next few days).

Mr Narborough also commented regarding recent speed checks which had taken place along Castle Rising Road. Mr Narborough stated that a Green Bus had been pulled over by the Police near to Belford’s Nursery; it was felt that the location on the bend was not a safe place to carry out the checks. (Clerks note: Mrs Cornwell had contacted the Police regarding the matter and a response had been received from Sergeant Flanagan which stated: I am aware that officers have been carrying out speed awareness checks at that location and they have informed me that they have carried out a suitable risk assessment for that area and are satisfied that it is a suitable location for them to do so which I support. Of course if they weren’t speeding it wouldn’t be an issue at all.)

Finally, Ms Scott asked if any further information had been found out regarding the footpaths within the Parish. Mrs Cornwell advised that along with Mrs Kirby she had attended a meeting at Dereham Town Hall when the subject of trimming footpaths had been raised. Mrs Cornwell advised that whilst the footpaths are County responsibility, the County Council is likely to phase out this area of work. Mrs Cornwell said that the Parish Council at present carries out additional supplementary cuts as and when required. Mrs Cornwell stated that in the near future all footpaths are likely to become the responsibility of Parish Councils.

7. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting **Monday 4th July 2011** at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Church Lane at 7pm.

4th July 2011 Chairman