**SOUTH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**4th July 2011 in the Parish Council Meeting Room.**

1. Present: Mr D Steward-Brown, Mr D Price, Mr M Narborough, Mr I Jordan, Mrs D Gotts, Ms D Scott, Mr B Clapham, Mrs T Cornwell (Parish Clerk) and Mrs M Kirby (Assistant Clerk).

 Apologies: Mr A Evans and Mr D Gerrard.

2. Minutes of last Meeting: – 20th June 2011, these were proposed as a correct record by Mr Narborough, seconded by Mr Price, with one abstention these were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declaration of Interests: None

4. Questions from the Public: None

5. Planning Applications:

PP/C/2/2011/2020

Kings Lynn: Land at The Willows Business Park, High (Saddlebow) Road, Saddlebow Industrial Area: Power & Recycling Centre Proposed Energy from Waste facility, integrated steam turbine generator plant, grid connection cables, infrastructure to enable Combined Heat and Power, Incinerator Bottom Ash recycling area, visitor centre, offices, ancillary development including weighbridges, access and internal roads and parking facilities, landscape and biodiversity enhancement areas: Cory Environmental Management Ltd & Wheelabrator Technologies Inc Grid Ref: 561105317203

Mrs Cornwell provided members with four large folders and other documents which had been sent to the Parish Council from Norfolk County Council. The folders contained information relating to the proposed application. Other information was also made available from the Farmers Campaign and KLWiN.

Mr Price opened the discussion by stating that with a significant majority of Parishioners against the proposal the Parish Council would abide by what the residents have said and object to the application.

Mr Price added that the Parish Council had been very careful not to make its views known prior to the application in order that it can take part in the Planning process.

Mrs Cornwell explained that the application was being made via the County Council and that a six week consultation period had commenced.

Mr Price referred to the request from Mr Mike Knights who had asked that the Parish Council write to other Parish Councils in Norfolk regarding the Incinerator to urge them to vote against the proposal. Mr Price proceeded to read out his drafted letter. With three minor amendments, **Mr Steward-Brown proposed that the letter be put to the full Parish Council for agreement and sent to all other Parish Councils in Norfolk, this was seconded by Mr Clapham with all in favour.**

Mr Price referred to the letter which had been sent to Caroline Spelman regarding the Incinerator and proceeded to read out the response received from Jennifer Long at DEFRA. Comments were made that the letter had nothing particular to say.

Mrs Cornwell explained that Mr Gerrard had attended a recent meeting at Lynnsport regarding the proposed Incinerator. Mr Gerrard had kindly formulated a letter outlining various Planning Objections which could assist the Parish Council.

Mr Jordan suggested that the Parish Council should point out that it was the first Parish to hold a meeting to show both sides of the argument and after hearing both sides, it was asked for a show of hands to see what the general feeling was. It was noted that 100% of Parishioners raised their hands against the proposal.

In addition to the meeting held, South Wootton Parish Council also conducted a survey by way of a questionnaire to every household in South Wootton. The results of the survey showed a majority against the proposal of 13-1.

Mrs Cornwell circulated the letter received from Mr Gerrard outlining several objections to the proposal. The submission to be sent to Norfolk County Council is as follows:

To be able to make a concise and informed decision of the views of parishioners of South Wootton, the Parish Council was the first Parish in Norfolk to hold an Extra-ordinary meeting of the Parish Council in August 2010, specifically to discuss the proposed Power and Recycling Centre. We invited Mr Richard Burton speaking against the proposal and Mr Joel Hull in support of the proposal. Both guests gave a presentation to the public and after the Parish Council asked for a show of hands of all those in favour. Everybody present at that meeting voted AGAINST the proposal.

After this meeting in October 2010, the Parish Council sent out a Newsletter incorporating a questionnaire, to every household in the Parish, asking if residents agree to Norfolk County Councils proposals for a Power and Recycling centre at the Willows Business Park. Replies came back with an overall majority of 13 to 1 against the proposal.

**South Wootton Parish Council would like to object to the proposed Power and Recycling Centre on the following grounds:**

1. Traffic Congestion, road safety, noise, dust and smell. Extra journey of lorries on the A47, with extra pollution. The A47 is not dual carriageway and is already congested. West Norfolk only produces between 17 & 20% of Norfolk’s waste and the site is not central to the collection area. Extra congestion would also affect journey times of the emergency services and to the local hospital.
2. The Proposed development close to the river is in a flood risk zone.
3. Ecological impact in a predominantly rural area of Extensive Industrialisation.
4. Design and Landscape. Visually an enormous development which would dominate and overdevelop the landscape.
5. Position in relation to Kings Lynn – prevailing winds.
6. Ground contamination from ash and industrialization which could affect farming, agriculture and fisheries.
7. Air Pollution. There are 3 Air Management zone monitors within a 3 mile radius of the proposed Incinerator site. All record poor air quality of the Kings Lynn area. Future development will do nothing to improve the air quality; indeed it would make it worse.
8. Public Health. Toxic Compounds such as Dioxins and Furans are found in the exhaust gases as well as very fine particles of PM10, PM2.5 and smaller. These can cause cardiac and respiratory problems as well as cancer. Heavy metals such as lead and mercury are present in the residual ash collected at the bottom of the Incinerator.
9. Incineration has the potential to increase green house gases which will add to Climate change.
10. The cost for building and running the proposed Incinerator will be much greater than the benefits of the PFI credits of £169 million.

Mrs Cornwell stated that she would draft the objections then pass them to Mr Price for overview then forward to the Full Parish Council for agreement.

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Non-material amendment to Planning Consent 08/02006/F

Coach House, 12 Church 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 change the proposed render on the gable end of the extension to timber cladding and to partially glaze the door on the east elevation. Members were happy with the changes.

Mrs Cornwell stated that notification had been received of a new property address at;

The Sidings, 4A Blickling Close, South Wootton.

6. To discuss Highways Issues:

Mrs Cornwell referred to a letter received from Norfolk County Council regarding the implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order for a 20mph zone on the Development at Gap Farm, Grimston Road, South Wootton. Mrs Cornwell referred to a drawing attached to the letter and pointed out that the area affected would be the Deas Road Estate. **The Planning Committee had no objections to the implementation of a 20mph zone.**

Mrs Cornwell referred to another letter received from Norfolk County Council regarding part night lighting. Mrs Cornwell stated that the work would be carried out at the same time as scheduled maintenance and modernisation programmes. Mrs Cornwell advised that the streets affected in South Wootton are, Blackthorn Road, Bryony Court, Rosebay, Rosecroft, Stody Drive and Wimpole Drive. It was confirmed that the earliest date for implementation would be October 2011. Questions were raised as to the ownership of the Lighting Columns at Stody Drive and Wimpole Drive. (Clerks note: After a site visit it was confirmed these are not Parish Council Lighting Columns). **The Planning Committee had no objections to the implementation of part night lighting in these streets.**

Mrs Cornwell referred to the site meeting she had attended with Mr Nick Woodruff from Norfolk County Council regarding a Zebra Crossing on Nursery Lane. Mrs Cornwell said that she had received the plans for the scheme and explained the progression process. It was said that a consultation period would now take place and could take up to six months to complete. Mrs Cornwell was pleased to say that the work has been provisionally programmed for January 2012. Members commented that it was really good news and said that the Parish Council had wanted a crossing for over three years. Ms Scott raised concerns about the type of crossing and felt that some people are not aware of how Zebra Crossings work. Ms Scott stated that should this project be a success the Parish Council should also push for a crossing on Castle Rising Road. Mrs Cornwell explained that the Parish Council has to now agree on the positioning of the Zebra Crossing. **Mr Jordan proposed that the crossing as drawn on the site plan is in the correct position; this was seconded by Mr Narborough with all in favour.**

Finally, Mrs Cornwell referred to a report which Mr Gerrard had kindly produced regarding the traffic situation along Grimston Road. All members had received a copy of the report. Mrs Cornwell advised that she has requested the Highways Rangers to cut back the hedge on the South Eastern boundary on their next visit and suggested that the diagonally split metal inspection cover which was causing noise could also be looked at by the Rangers.

Mrs Cornwell confirmed that the repainting of the white lines has been scheduled in. Comments were made that with the opening of the new ASDA store scheduled for the end of July, there may be increased traffic. Whilst members did not like the idea of traffic lights along Grimston Road, it was felt that a roundabout on Grimston Road at the Langley Road junction could help alleviate traffic problems.

7. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Date of next meeting **Monday 18th July 2011** at the Parish Council Meeting Room, Church Lane at 7pm.

18th July 2011 Chairman