

ROUDHAM & LARLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Roudham & Larling Parish Council held on Thursday, 16 July 2020 at 7.30 p.m. This was a Zoom on-line meeting.

Present Councillors Brendan Larwood (Chairman), Simon Armes, Sarah Gosling, Louise Martin, Julian Gibson (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reasons for absence offered by Cllr. Nelstrop and Cllr. Stammers.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** The Chairman declared his Pecuniary Interest in item 8.4, and took no part in the discussion or vote on the matter.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
 - 4.1 It was reported that the premises on the industrial estate occupied by Roudham Trading (the wholesale and trade basket suppliers) might have changed ownership.
 - 4.2 County Cllr. Steve Askew provided an update on the request made by this Council, Harling Parish Council and Bridgham Parish Council for the 40 mph speed limit in Harling Road to be extended as far as the start of the 30 mph limit in East Harling. As anticipated this had been turned down by NCC Highways. Cllr Askew had spoken with Cllr. Martin Wilby, Cabinet Member of Transport and Infrastructure, who suggested that a site visit be arranged with David Jacklin, the Highway Engineer. The members thought this would be a good idea and asked Cllr. Askew to get some possible dates. The Clerk would inform Harling and Bridgham Parish Councils, and Cllr. Askew would also ask Breckland Cllr. William Nunn to attend.
 - 4.3 The Chairman said that he had received an email from Mrs Foley, the Chairman of Snetterton Parish Council, expressing concern about a proposed Feed Mill to be constructed next to the Biomass power station, asking for this Council's support in opposing it. The feeling of members was that, although technically the proposed site might not be within the designated employment area, it was on the edge of it, and immediately adjacent to the power station, and seemed an appropriate location, and as long as matters such as lighting and traffic were properly conditioned, it seemed a reasonable idea. However, in the absence of any application or plans, the Council could not formally comment.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 18 June 2020 were **confirmed** for retrospective signing by the Chairman of the next face-to-face meeting of the Council.
- 6 **Matters arising.** None.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 *Clerks & Councils Direct* - July 2020.
 - 7.2 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business Accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 30 June 2020.
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account statement* - 30 May - 30 June 2020.
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- 8 **Planning.**
 - 8.1 **3PL/2020/0574/VAR: Land adjacent to the Chapel, Watton Road, Larling.** Removal of condition 8 of planning permission 3PL/2018/0618/D. It was **noted** that, after consulting with four members the Clerk had made no comment on behalf of the Council.
 - 8.2 **3AG/2020/0015/AG: Swallow Aquatics, Road from Larling to Bridgham, Harling Road.** New General Purpose Agricultural Building. It was **noted** that, after consulting

with four members the Clerk has responded saying that, (a) the plans do not show the full area of the site, but only a small section of it, (b) the Planning Statement says that the applicant farms 47.58 hectares, but less than 10% is actually on this site, (c) the Councillors are not aware of any agriculture taking place on this site in the recent past, (d) therefore the proposed agricultural shed seems disproportionate for the size of the holding, (e) , and the shed is adjacent to the existing commercial premises, so Breckland needs to be sure that it will be used purely for agricultural purposes rather than as an annex for the garden centre / aquatics business. Also notice dated 7 July 2020 advising that Prior Approval is refused was **received**.

- 8.3 **3PL/2020/0698/HOU: 4 Station Cottage, Road from Larling to Bridgham.** Single storey side extension. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objections.

In view of the Chairman's declared interest, the Vice-Chairman took the chair.

- 8.4 **3AG/2020/0012/AG: Oak House Farm, Larling.** New Steel Portal Frame Building, with fibre cement roof sheets. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objections.

The Chairman resumed the chair.

- 9 **Former WWI Aircraft Hangar.** A report from Historic England on the former WW1 Aircraft Hangar on Roudham Industrial Estate was **received**. It was **agreed** that this was a very comprehensive and well researched report, and that the Council had nothing further to add. Historic England will now finalise its recommendation and send it to the Secretary of State for a decision to be made. The Council will be informed of the decision in due course.
- 10 **Extension of 40 mph speed limit from Haring Road to East Harling.** This item has already been covered in item 4.1 above.
- 11 **Allotment site on B1111.** Cllr. Gosling said that she had walked the site with two prospective users and found that the centre of the site was not too severely overgrown. She said, though, that it was a haven for wildlife, and in particular rabbits and deer, and asked about the possibility of the Council installing some fencing to keep them out. It was, though, **agreed** that as the site is privately owned, the Council has no rights whatsoever over the land. The Clerk said that he had been in contact with Rebecca Collins, Head of Development Management at Breckland Council, who had confirmed that on a private site, unless it said otherwise in their agreement, allotment holders could be turned off their plots by the land owner at any time with no notice. She did, though, also suggest that the best way to protect this site would be to demonstrate a need for allotments in this location and for them to be allocated as such in the Local Plan or for the site to be identified as important Local Green Space in the Plan. These options could be considered as part of the review of the Local Plan recently commenced. However, this process will take at least four years to be completed. (The last Local Plan took seven years.)
- 12 **Proposed new Model Code of Conduct.** The Local Government Association proposed new Model Member Code of Conduct was **considered** and the Council **agreed** a response to the consultation to be sent.
- 13 **Operation London Bridge.** In the absence of Cllr. Nelstrop, who had asked for this to be put on the agenda, it was **agreed** to carry this over to the next meeting.
- 14 **Finance.**
- 14.1 The report for the month ending 30 June 2020 was **received**.
- 15 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** Operation London Bridge.

16 Next meeting. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, 20 August 2020**, at 7.30 p.m. in via **Zoom Video Link**.

Because of the difficulties in signing minutes as required by The Local Government Act 1972, Sch, 12 para 41(1), these minutes were approved by the Council at its meeting on 17 September 2020, and later signed by the Chairman of the meeting held on 17 December 2020.

Brendan Larwood, Chairman

Future Meeting dates:

Thursday, 20 August 2020	Thursday, 19 November 2020	Thursday, 18 February 2021
Thursday, 17 September 2020	Thursday, 17 December 2020	Thursday, 18 March 2021
Thursday, 15 October 2020	Thursday, 21 January 2021	

Note: Meetings will only be called if there is business to discuss which cannot wait until the following scheduled meeting date.