

Wreningham Parish Council – Minutes

Meeting held on 15th October 2014 at 7.30pm held in the Margaret Preston Room, Wreningham Village Hall

Present

Cllrs Michael Hill (Chair), E Brake, Sheldon Durant, Hilary Gautier, Jon Moon and Donald Whiterod.

In attendance

DC Webster, CC Foulger, the Clerk and 10 member of the public.

645. Apologies. None

646. Declarations of interest. None.

647. Planning

- 2014/1928: Sunnyside, 3 Glebe Close, Wreningham – retrospective change of use from paddock to garden. MH noted that the deed of transfer from the land registry changes the covenant to the use of garden or paddock. There are also comments on line, all of which are supportive of the application except one which has a specific comment.

The meeting was closed at 7.35pm to allow members of the public to speak

The owner reported that the use was initially granted as a paddock, however according to DEFRA it is not of a size suitable for a horse and would be limited to a mule, llama or chickens. She is not aware of legislation against children playing in a paddock. In the past they have received notice from SNC that they were in breach of planning, but were found not to be. The owners thought they could lawfully set moveable objects on the paddock with no landscaping however two years later they got a second letter report of breach of planning. SNC enforcement then asked the owners to remedy the breach or submit a planning application. They removed the play equipment and applied for planning to replace the swings. As the paddock is Glebe Land, they have applied to the Diocese who have no issue with the change of use, Wreningham PCC have also agreed. The owner is aware that the objection is on the grounds of noise and reported that they have three children, one is at boarding school with the other two girls at home. They have never received notice either verbal or in writing of any low level noise complaints. They noted that the land is outside the planning area and have no plans to apply for building permission and there is a drainage system for The Glebe within the paddock which would also be jeopardised by the building of any property there.

Another resident agreed that you can hear the children playing, however turning the space into a garden would allow for planting of shrubs and trees which will dampen the noise. The field itself is unproductive as it stands, and if the owners start to plant it will attract wildlife which will be for the better of the village. They therefore believe that it should be approved.

A third neighbour commented that they have no problem with the noise of mowing the grass or children playing. They feel that application should be approved.

A fourth neighbour also has no problem. They feel that planting to attract bees and wildlife would be good and any tree roots would assist with removal of water from the drainage system.

A fifth resident has raised the issues with SNC. He has concerns with climbing frame at the back of the garden causing a privacy issue, and balls coming into his garden is causing a danger to his dogs.

A sixth neighbour who feels they have the most shared curtilage feels the application should be approved.

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CC Foulger noted that the Parish Council are being asked to comment on a planning permission application for change of use. He added that Environmental Health are the legislators regarding noise pollution and they should be consulted if people are concerned and can prove excess decibels.

Meeting opened at 7.55pm

Wreningham Parish Council have listened to the views of residents and neighbours, and consider that the application should be approved. They suggest a condition that approval to erect any building other than that commensurate with use of garden would require permission from SNC. They felt that it was relevant that the use of the land as a garden would encourage landscaping and planting of trees and bushes which would benefit wildlife.

Proposed: MH, seconded: HG

10 members of the public left at 8.05pm

- 2014/1977: The Old Homestead, Top Row, Wreningham – partial demolition and rebuild of garden wall which forms part of the boundary between The Old Homestead and Fairlands. No views or comments.
Proposed: SD, seconded: EB

Date of Future Meeting: 11th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Margaret Preston Room in the Village Hall, Mill Lane.
Apologies from EB

Meeting closed at 8.06 pm.