

**STRADISHALL PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the planning meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016**

**Councillors present: Ady Swift (Chairman), Adrian Lee, Ian Hutchinson, Robert Deeks, Martin Hurst and Debbie Gates**

**Also present: Joanne Kirk (Clerk)**

**1. Acceptance of apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Jonathan Masefield.

**2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda**

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda.

**3. Planning**

**a) DC/16/1882/HH - 7 Cricket Meadow, Stradishall - Single storey rear extension**

It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application.

**b) DC/16/1903/FUL - Wychem Ltd Bury Road Stradishall Newmarket - (i) 3no. Steel portal frame buildings to provide storage space, offices, staff facilities and water treatment facilities (ii) new surface water attenuation lagoon/storage tank (iii) creation of a second access from Bury Road and reconfiguration of existing access/traffic flow arrangements (iv) new hard surfaced vehicle parking and yard area (v) landscaping**

It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application.

**4. To approve the transfer of the Parish Council's One Suffolk website from Suffolk County Council (One Suffolk) to Community Action Suffolk at a cost of £50 per annum**

It was resolved that the website would be transferred to Community Action Suffolk and that the fee of £50 paid. The clerk was asked to complain to Mary Evans about this and the fact that costs have been passed on to parish councils without any warning thus putting pressure on their budgets.

**5. Playing Field matters**

**a) Damage to a window in the cricket pavilion**

It was resolved that Adrian Lee would put a piece of plywood in to block off the window.

**b) Purchase of the playing field - Discussions with Paul Sturgess from the Caldecotte Group who are acting on behalf of Greene King to sell the playing field**

The clerk has spoken to Paul Sturgess who confirmed that Greene King hopes to sell the playing field in St Margaret's Place as soon as possible and that there is no room for negotiation on the price. The clerk explained that the Parish Council is actively looking at ways to raise the money. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be given two weeks to put together a plan of how they will raise the money.

It was resolved that the clerk would ask about the possibility of a staged payment so that it can claim back any VAT paid before making the final payment and that a letter would be sent to the Chief Executive of Greene King asking if Greene King would be willing to accept a reduced price to enable the Parish Council to purchase should it not be able to raise sufficient funds as it has been a playing field since 1974 and the Parish Council is very concerned about losing it.

**c) Prize for village questionnaire**

This will be decided at the November meeting.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29pm.**

Signed ..... (Chairman) Dated .....