

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Foxton Parish Council

Held on 8th June 2017 at 8:00pm in the Parish Council Office.

Present: Simon Buggey, Liam Elliott, Caroline Ilott.

Apologies: Malcolm Bore.

Two members of the public were present – Mr & Mrs Frost.

Mr Buggey took the chair for this meeting, in Mr Bore's absence.

Declarations of interest

None.

Application S/1826/17/FL – Orchard Farm, Fowlmere Road, Foxton (Mr Jonathan Sturgess, AutoStore)

This application is for a portal frame building for additional car storage. The committee felt that the building was in keeping with the existing storage buildings and would not have a large impact on the surrounding area.

Mr & Mrs Frost commented that since the change of use from Smart's grain storage to AutoStore, there had been a significant increase in road traffic, particularly from noisy high-performance cars speeding out of the application site. They also thought that Smart's had moved away from the site because they were not able to expand any further, although the decision notices for previous applications to extend the storage on this site had no such conditions noted.

The Parish Council recommend approval. However, they would like to note the concerns of the immediate neighbours of the property. These neighbours have complained about the significant increase in road traffic since the change-of-use to car storage, particularly from high performance cars speeding in and out of the application site, and up and down Fowlmere Road.

In addition, the Parish Council would like to ask that a condition of approval of this application is that all the storage buildings are appropriately screened to the South West (in fact similar landscaping had been specified as a condition of approval of a previous application on this site - S/0508/09/F).

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Thriplow Farms Grain Store - Mr Elliott and Mr McCreery had attended a meeting with Lydia Pravin at SCDC on 5th June about the proposed Grain Store, which is still at the pre-

application stage. The Parish Council are concerned that the decision to site the grain store on Fowlmere Road was based on information in the pre-application advice, which recommended the site due to the 'similar scale groups of agricultural buildings' – which the Parish Council feel is just not true. The advice also took no account of the potential traffic issues at the junction of Fowlmere Road with Cambridge Road, nor the refusal of permission a few years ago for a much smaller grain store (S/0374/06/O). Ms Pravin noted the concerns and suggested that the Parish Council contact the Highways Authority directly about the traffic issues.

At the full Parish Council meeting on 5th June, County Councillor Peter Topping (who is also chairman of the District Council) suggested that he could get the pre-application advice reviewed.

Reed Autos – Mr Bore is still trying via e-mail to obtain a copy of the Tree Officer's report for the retrospective permission given to extend the parking area at Reed Autos. He now has details of the Tree Officer and has contacted him directly to ask for his report.

The meeting closed at 7:05pm.