

BARKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Extraordinary Meeting held at Barking Village Hall at 7.00pm
on Thursday 14th April 2016

PRESENT:

Cllr S Butler *Chair*
Cllr A Smith *Vice -Chair*
Cllr M Smith
Cllr A Ross
Cllr C Eagles
Cllr R Fellowes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs R J Cochrane *Clerk*
Robert Eburne – *Planning Manager, Hopkins Homes*
Sereena Davey – *Account Manager, Meeting Place Communications*

APOLGIES:

Cllr M Bailey - *holiday*

BPC048/16 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

BPC049/16 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Bailey.

BPC050/16 Land North of Barking Road, Needham Market

Mr Robert Eburne, Planning Manager, Hopkins Homes and Sereena Davey – Account Manager, Meeting Place Communications had been invited to attend the meeting to present details of a planned development on a greenfield site adjacent to the Needham Market Country Practice on Barking Road, partly in the Parish of Barking.

Mr Robert Eburne was invited to speak.

Main points:

Consultations

- VIP (to which Barking Parish Councillors were invited) & Public session held on 14th March 2016 at Needham Market Community Centre.

Site

- Part of a larger site
- MSDC not yet allocated sites for development
- MSDC has not got a 5 year supply of land
- Where insufficient supply of land, it is open for applications for development
- Upward pressure for housing growth
- Target – 500 homes every year across Suffolk
- Long term aim to expand Doctors Surgery car park (part of this proposal)

Traffic

- Traffic Surveys needed
- Traffic Impact Assessment will look at the impact of a greater number of houses on future land/sites
- Would aim to extend 30mph zone into Barking Parish

- Some concerns about current location of 30mph zone – needs to be moved from site entrance

Detail of development

- Low lying area which may flood
- Car park needs to be extended
- Further Acoustic Assessments need to be made to determine impact on The Lodge
- Primarily single and two storey as this is a more rural site
- Sustainable Urban Drainage (one in 100 year event/ecological flat areas designed to take the excess water)
- Some public open space for Foxglove Avenue
- CIL – any granted planning permission will attract an amount of money for Social Infrastructure. £115 per metre of residential development in Barking, £50 in Needham Market so Hopkins Homes incentivised to build more in Needham Market than in Barking.

Questions from Parish Council

Q. Has Surgery any plans to expand?

A: Surgery says it does have capacity for both this and the Chalk Pit site. No intention for Surgery to re-locate.

Q. How much longer does Hopkins Homes have an option on the land?

A. Option runs out 2018 but will be renewed.

Q. What is an Affordable Home?

A. For people on Council waiting list. Keen that they are ring fenced to be available for local people only.

Q. What are the main grounds for refusal?

A. Hopkins Homes don't expect this to be refused. Housing seen as a benefit, refusal would be what is significant enough to prevent this benefit from happening.

Concern was expressed that there had been no conversation with Barking Parish Council until 14th March 2016.

A comment was made that Lion Barn Industrial Estate has a massive area that is undeveloped, and why has this not been looked at first?

The Meeting was closed at 7.45pm as a Public Session had been planned to take place immediately afterwards from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Several members of the public attended this session.

Chairman Date