

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 13th September 2021 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

PRESENT

Councillor G C M Willis, Chairman

Councillors D W England, Ms L A Gifford, S J Green, Mrs M H Harlock, P S Potts, Mrs C L Sproats, Mrs S J Wilcox, Dr S C Withams and Mrs A R Wyatt

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J M Cole, Mrs C Evans and J A Parker, County Councillor S J Corney and District Councillors G J Bull and M W Haines.

29/21 MINUTES

Upon being moved by Councillor Dr Withams and seconded by Councillor Ms Gifford, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 9th August 2021 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

30/21 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared by Members in respect of items appearing on the agenda.

31/21 MATTERS ARISING

The Committee considered the following matter arising from the Minutes of its meeting held on 9th August 2021:-

(a) Fenside Caravan Park

Further to Minute No. 25/21(a), the Clerk reported that he had been advised by the District Council that the use of Fenside Caravan Park had been referred to the enforcement team for their attention but that he had been unable to establish the present situation.

32/21 DISTRICT COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PANEL

The Committee was informed that there were no matters appearing on the agenda for the meeting of the District Council's Development Management Committee to be held on 20th September that affected the Parish.

33/21 APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following application for planning permission, arising from which it was

RESOLVED

that the following observations be submitted to the County Council:-

- (a) **CCC/21/088/FUL -- Demolition of in-vessel compost buildings/tunnels and ancillary development; construction of a dry anaerobic digestion (AD) facility, pellet fertiliser facility, healthcare waste energy recovery facility, waste transfer station, vehicle re-fuelling station, biomass storage building, surface water storage lagoons, extension to concrete pad and ancillary development including car park at Envar Composting Ltd St Ives Road Somersham.**

that the County Council be recommended to refuse the application on the following grounds:-

- (i) It is not clear that a need has been demonstrated for a new facility in Cambridgeshire to process clinical waste. If the waste is being diverted to this site from existing disposal facilities, this will generate additional traffic movements in close proximity to a dangerous highway junction. If insufficient waste can be sourced from within the County to generate the amount of energy required for the processes on site, this could result in the importation of waste and Cambridgeshire again becoming the recipient of waste generated elsewhere; and
- (ii) The EnVar site is located in a prominent and elevated position in the local countryside. The proposed chimney would be visually intrusive in the local landscape and would introduce an alien aspect in a rural environment. Complaints have arisen from Warboys residents previously about noxious odours emitted from operations at the site so it reasonable to assume that emissions from the incineration process would also extend as far as Warboys. The Council is not satisfied that emissions from the process would not have an adverse effect on human health either by the inhalation of contaminated air or the deposit of chemicals onto farmland producing crops for human consumption.

34/21 DETERMINATIONS

The Committee noted that, since its previous meeting, the following applications had been determined by the District Council:-

Approved

- (a) 21/00772/FUL Warboys Landfill Site, Puddock Hill – Installation of ground mounted solar PV array.
- (b) 21/01175/HHFUL 6 Popes Lane – Proposed front and rear single storey extension. Conversion of roof space into additional accommodation.
- (c) 21/01178/FUL Land adjacent to 68 Station Road – Proposed dwelling and garage on former garden.
- (d) 21/01430/FUL 29 Woodlands – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of rear extension.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman.