

WESTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 in
Westerfield Church Room at 7.30pm

PRESENT Cllrs Peter Miller (Chair), Peter Hudson (V/C), Graham Austin,
Trevor Cade, Michael Noble, Jason Kirk, Clare Lucas (Locum Clerk)

1. Apologies and approvals of absence

No apologies required

2. Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

Councillor Kirk declared a private interest in planning application DC220822/FUL

3. To receive comments from members of the public on matters on the agenda

None.

4. To discuss and respond to consultations on the following planning applications: -

[DC/22/0822/FUL | Residential development of 23 dwellings with village green type facility and associated infrastructure. | Land To The South Of Lower Road Westerfield](#)

Councillor Kirk had circulated a document to all councillors prior to the meeting highlighting objections that he wished all parish councillors to read and discuss.

Discussion took place regarding this planning application and the details of the objection and associated comments in summary are:

Background

This planning application follows indicative layouts supplied and shown to the Parish Council over the last 5 years, and as discussed with the District Council at pre-application developer consultation.

The Parish Council objects to the application for the following reasons

- **Village Green**

- Regret that it is proposed to use part of this as a surface water attenuation area. There is a swale running through the middle and this will limit its usefulness.
- No details about ownership and ongoing management of what is expected to be a Parish Council facility especially the need to maintain the SUDS for the whole site.
- Access. We really want to see good cycle and footpath access to the village green from as much of the village as possible.
- Fencing. Details are required to ensure that there can be a safe play area protecting children from Lower Road.

More information is required

- **Footpath between Village cross-roads and Linden Cottage**

No details of status or maintenance liability. More information is required

- **Trees and Hedges and green space**

Extensive report on condition and protection (even roots). More information is required about ongoing Maintenance and ownership

- **General other concerns**

- a) Electricity- Westerfield has suffered from a history of power cuts. We understand that this site will be completely dependent upon electricity. Westerfield has historically experienced a high number of power cuts and we seek assurances that the development of this site will not add to the instability of the electric supply.
- b) Drainage – We would prefer to see a drainage solution that does not use the village green as an attenuation area.

- **Status of Roads and responsibility for on-going Management within site.**

More information is required.

- **Possible use of developed area for access to next field to the south (as presently used)**

- a) Any likelihood of access through this development and particularly across the Village Green should be described in detail. More information is required.
- b) Ideally, we would like to see a pedestrian/cycle access through the adjacent field to the south of the site to link with the B1077 and the entrance to Ipswich Garden Suburb Country Park.

- **Environmental Standards**

The Parish Council require the District Council to ensure that Environmental Standards meet those in the District Council policy documents.

Overall, Westerfield Parish Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss all of the above with the developer before the final details are finalised. Westerfield is currently completing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village and where possible we would like to include the views Westerfield residents.

[DC/22/0932/FUL | Demolition of the existing garage and erection of a two bay garage and store with a home office above. | White Lodge Westerfield Road Westerfield Suffolk IP6 9AJ](#)

No objection

5. To consider any current financial matters, and approve invoices due to be paid before April 27th 2022

Payments were approved for Opus People Solutions Ltd for the clerk's salary.

6. Correspondence and urgent matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council

Councillor Austin mentioned that pole 10 lamp on Lower Road was installed approx.. 9 years ago but has not been connected to the electricity supply. The Chairman highlighted that Councillor Auston should take this up with Suffolk County Council.

Action: Councillor Miller to circulate the Northern Fringe Report to all councillors

- 7. To note the date of the Annual Parish Meeting on April 27th and the next Parish Council AGM on May 18th 2022**

Signed, J. Kirk (Chairman) Approved at Parish Council meeting on May 18th 2022