

Wrabness Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6th December 2018 in Wrabness Community Shop at 7.00 pm

Present: Mr H Jones (Chairman), Mr R Colley, Mr T Harvey, Ms R Thornton, Mr M Cole, Mr F McGowan.

In Attendance: Mrs C Greenwood (Parish Clerk) and 0 members of the public.

2683: Apologies for absence: Mrs J Cole

2684: Declaration of interests: None

2685: Public Forum:

The public forum was closed, and the meeting opened.

2686: Planning Application: 18/01901/FUL - NESS HOUSE , ASH STREET, WRABNESS - Demolition of fire damaged dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling (revised application following : 18/00636/FUL

No Objections. All Agreed.

2887: Planning Application: 18/01818/FUL - OAKWOOD BURIAL GROUND, ASH STREET, WRABNESS. Proposed detached ceremony hall and warden's accommodation and change of use of land from agriculture use to burial ground.

Following discussion the Parish Council recommend the Refusal of this application as it not considered to be in the community interest:

1. The site of this burial ground is in a designated special landscape area where built development should be strictly controlled and large buildings avoided to protect the rural environment. An undertaking was given in 1993 when the burial ground was approved that no buildings whatsoever would be erected and this was confirmed by planning condition. This planning condition remains appropriate today in relation to the landscape status of the area and the nature conservation value of the locality.
2. Sufficient space exists in the approved burial area for many more interments without extending the area of the grave yard onto the adjoining meadow (Area C) near to Wheatsheaf Lane homes. The attractive patchwork of field and woods will no longer be visible from public vantage points at the western end of the village if Area C is densely planted similarly to the current burial ground on lower lying land at Area A.
3. The ceremony hall appears disproportionately large for a low key rural enterprise in a small village. The applicant has not consulted the community regarding his plans which if granted would directly compete with and reduce the viability of existing community facilities. Scope exists for more use to be made of existing community buildings in the village including our church, village hall and community cafe.
4. The proposed residential unit is remote from the village settlement limits and as such is not a location where another new home should be built. The residential unit is not an agricultural dwelling and there is no over-riding need for a warden to be accommodated on the site in relation to a burial ground. Elsewhere former cemetery lodges have long since been sold off. Site security could be simply improved by locking the existing gates at dusk.
5. The applicant has range of buildings nearby at Wrabness Hall where uses, including toilets for mourners, an operational base for the green grave yard, an estate office, staff accommodation and hospitality facilities have been approved. The current planning application duplicate the earlier approval intended to secure the future of the former farm buildings to serve this land holding.

All Agreed

2888: District Councillor: It was agreed to ask District Councillor Zoe Fairley to attend Parish Council meetings.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 in Wrabness Village Hall at 7.30pm

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