

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN, LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON  
ON 20th JUNE 2012, AT 7.50PM**

Councillors present:

Cllr S.Curl (Chairman), Cllr B.Askew, Cllr A.Cronin, Cllr H.Davies, Cllr J.Kitson, Cllr D.Lavington, Cllr G.Moore, Cllr S.Wood

Mrs S. Frankis, Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE TO BE RECEIVED  
No apologies were received.
26. TO ACCEPT MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
No declarations of interest were received.
27. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2012  
The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2012, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
28. REVIEW OF COUNCIL ACTIONS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2012  
There were no matters to consider.
29. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION NO: B/12/00655/FHA; OAKDENE, BURSTALL LANE, SPROUGHTON; ERECTION OF TWO-STOREY REAR AND SIDE EXTENSION.  
The Council unanimously agreed to recommend no objections to planning application no: B/12/000655/FHA.
30. OUTCOME OF BRAMFORD GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITE APPLICATION - VERBAL REPORT BY CLLR S. CURL  
Cllr S.Curl advised that he had made a verbal representation, on behalf of Sproughton Parish Council, at the Mid Suffolk District Council MSDC planning committee meeting held on 13th June 2012. He advised he had included in his statement, that it is Government Policy for new gypsy and traveller sites to be integrated within existing communities and that the proposed site would be too isolated to realize this policy. He advised that the proposed site is to be occupied by the applicant and his wife, their son and his family, their daughter and her family and their son. MSDC is to restrict the commercial use of the proposed site to the parking of Mr Smith's own vehicles only and for those to be limited by a 3 ½ tonne weight limit. Cllr S.Curl advised that MSDC did not appear to be concerned by the 1 ½ metre level difference across the site and that by the proposed development being situated at the rear of the site, the dwellings would be on higher ground and therefore highly visible. With reference to the proposed amenity block and national guidance that there should be one amenity block per pitch, the agent for the applicant and one MSDC councillor argued against the guidance and considered that one amenity block would be sufficient as the proposed site is to be occupied by one extended family. It is understood that a local resident has purchased control of land surrounding the proposed development site.

Cllr D.Lavington advised that there had been 230/240 objections registered with MSDC opposing planning application no: MSDC 2914/11. He asked what avenues were available to appeal against the MSDC decision to grant permission for planning application no: 2914/11. Cllr S.Curl advised that if it could be proven that the decision process had been flawed by not following due process, the process could be challenged but not the decision itself.

Cllr D.Lavington asked what information should be requested, should a Freedom of Information request be made to MSDC. Cllr Davies suggested that the following would need to be requested; all documents received by MSDC, all documents used to enable the decision to be made, all facts considered by MSDC to be non material to the application, any documents excluded from the decision making process, all minutes of the meetings at which application no: 2914/11 was discussed, including any material documentation - emails, back-ups and deleted emails.

**Action:** Cllr D.Lavington agreed to draft a Freedom of Information request.

**Action:** Cllr S.Curl is to ask Bramford Parish Council if they will be taking any further action against planning application no: 2914/11.

31. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

There were no matters raised.

32. TO AGREE THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, 11TH JULY 2012 AT THE BARLEY ROOM, TITHE BARN, LOWER STREET, SPROUGHTON AT 7.00PM

The next Planning Committee meeting will be at 7.00pm, on 11th July 2012, at the Barley Room, Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Sproughton.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_