

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING
OF SOMERSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held at the Norwood Room
On Monday 1 March 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Mr S Criswell (in the Chair), Mr D Bonnett, Miss J Bullard, Mr M Hoy, Mr I Smith, Mr R Sutton and Mrs P Bryant Parish Clerk.
(Quorum – 5 members)

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were accepted from:

Mr A Beaven – personal commitment
Mr D Cornwell – work commitment
Miss L Minter - holiday
Mrs J Smith – personal commitment
Mr P Suckling – personal commitment

ABSENT: Mr P McCloskey, Mrs D Siggs and Mr G Siggs.

2. PARISH COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Bonnett and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to close the meeting for a period of time to allow members of the public to participate. The meeting was closed at 7.31 pm and re-opened as no members of the public were present.

4. PLANNING APPLICATION E/03009/09/CM

CCC – Land at Bridge Farm, Holme Fen Drove, Colne. Proposed extraction and processing of sand and gravel and construction of access onto Chatteris Road (B1050), in connection with the construction of agricultural reservoirs – *Supplementary Information provided by applicant*

It was proposed by Mr Sutton, seconded by Mr Hoy and RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to object on the following grounds:

Councillors recognise there will be slightly less traffic coming through Somersham but the continuation of heavy vehicles through the village is still unacceptable, therefore nothing has changed in light of the supplementary information provided by the applicant. Excessive heavy goods traffic on unsuitable roads, which will also pass a considerable number of Somersham properties, is

unacceptable. In addition the embankment at Chatteris Road (B1050) and the Cole & Day junction with the High Street is extremely dangerous and unsuitable for large vehicles. Somersham Parish Council believes Holme Fen Drove is the better option for heavy vehicles and need to know why Holme Fen Drove as the access to Bridge Farm, is it not the preferred exit point.

5. NOTICES & MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No matters were raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 pm

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 22 March 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Millennium Pavilion.

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David Cornwell
Chairman