

Minutes - October Special Council held on 12th October 2016 at Colkirk Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Colin Barron, Nick Loades, Steve Mulford (in the chair), Michael Stamford and John Whiteside were present.

The clerk Charles Brindley was in attendance.

As apologies had been received from the chairman, the vice-chairman took the meeting

16/104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Charles Joice and Bernard Smith and also from County Councillor Kiddle-Morris and District Councillor Trevor Carter

16/105 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Loades and Stamford declared personal interests in agenda item 3 as they both had interests in land at Whissonsett Rd that could be affected by the proposals being considered. This was noted and the clerk advised that they would be allowed to participate in the discussion and vote on the matter

16/106 BRECKLAND LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED SITES AND SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES CONSULTATION: Members considered the proposals contained in the consultation. It was noted that no sites are allocated for development in the parish in the plan. Members then moved on to discuss the merits of having a settlement boundary and whether this would provide any benefits moving forward. The council noted the new policies PD05A and PD05B relating to rural settlements with and without settlement boundaries respectively and particularly the prospect of having reduced development in the village under policy PD05B. However, members felt that assurances should be sought from Breckland that policy PD05B would be strictly adhered most particularly the limit of 5% total development in the parish as proposed.

By a vote of 4 for and 1 abstention, it was **RESOLVED that Colkirk Parish Council would agree to the removal of the settlement boundary around the village provided that assurances were provided by Breckland that policy PD05B would be strictly adhered to, most particularly the clause limiting development in the village to a maximum of 5% of the total housing stock from the baseline as established at the start of the plan period in 2011**

There being no further advertised business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.08

Signed as a true record

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