



Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held at GAMLINGAY ECO HUB, Kier suite, on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7.00pm.

Present: W Boyne (Chair), A Foster, C Smith, H Gould. Clerk K Rayner and L Bacon, Apologies from TG and DF . 15 members of the public. 4 Representatives from Voneus (broadband company). SK (County Councillor) was present.

121. **To receive apologies for absence**, to receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests and to grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. DF and TG.
122. **To note any items for consideration for the next meeting-**
Further pole applications to follow- Chair advised members of the public only 14 pole locations would be discussed tonight but there are 4 representatives of Voneus present to explain about their project.
123. **To approve as a correct record of the Minutes 25th January 2022-**
Agreed and signed
124. **To consider Any Matters Arising**
None
125. **To receive any representations from Members of the Public and Press relating to items of business on this agenda during a ten-minute Open Forum.**

Zoe Day Head of community engagement for the company which is a rural broadband provider- specialising in bringing higher broadband speeds to small hamlets and villages in North Herts, Central Bedfordshire and South Cambridgeshire. Providing a service to increase broadband speeds in areas less than 1 MB- a 'wireless solution' main aim to allow rural residents access broadband speed

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similar to those in urban areas-to allow working from home, school children home working, consult doctors, on-line shopping etc.

HG- Is it a Fait accompli? What if the residents don't want this service? ZD advised Dunton Eyeworth company was asked to improve broadband speeds from 100mB to reach 300 and eventually 900mB. CS- Gamlingay is not a hamlet or a small village. Openreach have promised 200 Mb delivery by 2026 in this area. A MOP advised that typically gets 60mg and has no issues at all when working from home. Central village has extremely good coverage . A MOP questioned who asked for this additional infrastructure? ZD advised the three councils South Cambs, N Herts and Central Bedfordshire. A MOP advised she had contacted the Parish Council and no one had been consulted at all prior to the applications going in. A MOP advised that not contacting the local council is a funny way of engaging with the local community. ZD advised Citec will be delivery company. A MOP asked about fibre to the property (FTTP) – can not compare Dunton with Gamlingay as Dunton had very low speeds. Concern expressed about infrastructure being supplied at what cost to the local environment. VD advised that they were independent builders supplying this service (private company).

Keith Hetherington (Citec) advised that they plan to use the existing Openreach infrastructure as much as possible -can use 76% of their network- the poles are to provide a sufficient service to the remaining areas. Poles will be standard wooden telegraph poles with cables draped between them. A MOP advised that there are underground ducts on many of the estates which can be used, but applications for poles have been submitted (Fairfield, Green Acres were mentioned). Locations of many of the poles are unsuitable. KH advised there are technical parameters where the poles have to be but they have some leeway on siting if there are particular issues which need to be addressed. Poles have to be in the public highway, footway or public verge. KH advised can speak directly to residents about their concerns. Pole infrastructure completed within 1 day and connection after 3 working days is possible.

A MOP advised that there is a ducted system in Fairfield, and short distance between poles-don't need them at all. 2 MOP arrived at the meeting. Proposal is wooden telegraph poles with wires- proposals currently for 85 poles.

The meeting was re-opened at 7.25pm. item 126.3 taken first.

126. To consider the following planning applications:

126.3 Numerous locations- Northfield Close (2), 13 Cinqes Rd, Heath Rd (2), Oak House, Little Heath, 63, Stocks Lane, Adj 3 Honey Hill, Mount Pleasant Farm, Heath Rd (2), Adj. Brook Farm , 38 and 51 Cinqes Rd, Adj. Heath View, Heath Rd (2), Gamlingay – Telegraph poles (14) for broadband **22/00401/TELNOT, 00407,00409, 00410,00411, 00412,00413, 00414, 00415,00416**

9 and 10 Northfield Close- objection to siting on corner and in proximity to bungalow accommodation(resident objections received concerning obtrusive positioning). MOP can't use driveway. 13 Cinqes Rd- resident unable to access driveway-objection. 63 Stocks Lane- visibility

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issue-objection. 3 Honey Hill- conservation area and positioned with poor visibility in front of a driveway-objection. 38 Cinques Rd- visibility at junction to Green Acres- objection. Clerk to submit concerns.

13 MOP left the meeting, 4 Voneus representatives left the meeting, 8 Councillors arrived for the next meeting.

Items 126.1 and 126.2 followed.

126.1 13, Clare Court, Gamlingay SG19 3JF- Biomass boiler installation garage

22/00127/LBC- Approved

No concerns expressed

126.2 Woodview Farm, off Potton Road, Gamlingay SG19 3LW – Extension to children’s play barn (21/00896/FUL)

22/00226/FUL-Approved but with comments

Council adopted Neighbourhood Plan policies and concern expressed there is no footpath and cycleway access to premises to reduce car usage. Proposal has limited car parking associated with this proposal and council objects to the use of the field for temporary car parking due to harm to the open countryside (obtrusive urban sprawl) Footway and cycle access needs to be addressed with this application (policy GAM 9 and GAM10). Parking and access concerns need to be addressed.

127. To receive notices of decisions to previous planning applications-

127.1 21/05170/FUL- Gamlingay Village Primary- erection of single storey classroom– approved- noted

127.2 21/05361- Bluebell House, revised garage and ancillary garden land at Bluebell House, Everton Rd, The Heath, Gamlingay - approved -noted

128. Other Planning issues and conditions for information

128.1 Conditions applications -none received

128.2 Tree applications -none received

128.3 Other applications – none received

129. Items for the NEXT MEETING- More poles

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130. Closure of Planning Meeting- 7.39pm

Next meeting Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 7pm at Gamlingay Eco Hub,
Stocks Lane Gamlingay SG19 3JR

Signed.....

Dated.....

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