

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Burridge. Since the last meeting Cllr Norris has resigned from the Parish Council.

2. Members Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

- 2.1 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda.
- 2.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.
- 2.3 To grant dispensations as appropriate under Section 33 of the Localism Act.

3. Meeting open for questions from the public

It is politely requested that this session does not exceed 15 minutes in total.

Some members of the public had concerns about the potential development of the Piggery site. Some attended the meeting and some contacted the Parish Council via email. Although it was acknowledge that there is currently no planning application for development of the site, those with objections or supporting the potential development were encouraged to make these comments directly to West Suffolk Council. The Clerk will provide the link to the West Suffolk Consultation portal for both those at the meeting and those who had contacted the Parish Council via email.

Action Clerk

4. Planning

4.1 To discuss and agree response to West Suffolk Councils Local Plan Consultation. To include discussion about the proposal from Troston Farms for the development of the Piggery site.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would start the discussion and then give the public present an opportunity to make comments and ask questions.

Following correspondence with West Suffolk the following options to enable development were discussed:

4.1.1. Carrying out a Neighbourhood plan.

This option would involve a lot of work and would need volunteers, these volunteers don't need to be Councillors. West Suffolk Council said we would need to carry out a 'needs assessment' first to support our need for the scale of development being proposed. In a type B village, where no sites were being allocated for development, the success of a Neighbourhood Plan could not be guaranteed. This was not considered to be a viable option at this time.

4.1.2. Move from type B to Type A.

West Suffolk Council said that we would need to show a change in services. We are currently not able to do this.

4.1.3. Leave it to the developer to make an application.

This option is not within the Parish Councils power.

4.1.4. Parish Council to carry out their own needs assessment before fully supporting any large scale development.

The above was acknowledged but agreed that until the Parish Council receive a formal planning application this would be premature.

4.1.5. Extend settlement boundary.

West Suffolk informed us that extending the boundary may provide for some small scale growth. However as no sites are being allocated in type B villages we would need to justify a change to allow the extension. Of the five Councillors presents three supported this as an option. It was agreed, based on previous discussions at Parish Council meetings, recording that Councillors

were provisionally in support of developing the piggery site, that the following comments would be submitted to West Suffolk for consideration:

The Parish Council would like West Suffolk council to consider extending the village Boundary to include the current Piggery/slaughter house site as indicated on the attached plan. The Parish Council feel that removing the piggery and its associated smells from its current location would have a beneficial effect, improving the village environment. They also feel that building additional homes will help to keep our current facilities and hopefully promote further facilities. A development that provided a footpath link with both Troston Woods, a community space and the facilities available at RAF Honington, would also be of benefit to the residents to Troston. Further to the above it should also be noted that the Parish Council would only support a planning application under the proviso that the meadow would not be developed.

