

Minutes of the meeting of Burgh and Tuttington Parish Council Meeting held
on Thursday 02/02/2023 in Burgh Reading Room at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Ian Kinghorn (Chair)
Simon Covey
Vicky Taylor

Jeremy Hickling,
Janet Lodge

Sue Lake – Clerk

1. Welcome:

The chairman welcomed all in attendance for this extra meeting to discuss a planning application in Aylsham.

2. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Trevor Richards

3. Declaration of interests:

None made

4. Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held 11th January 2023 had been circulated previously. The minutes were **AGREED** and signed by the chairman.

5. To adjourn the Meeting for Members of the Public to Speak

No public present

6. To consider Planning Issues

Application 20222089 – Land at Norwich Road, Aylsham

Although this application is not in the parish its impact will be significant. Simon Covey had attended the previous nights meeting of Aylsham Town Council and felt it was important that Burgh And Tuttington Parish Council make comments.

This site had been added to the Greater Norwich Local Plan under Regulation 19 as an additional second site in Aylsham without any consultation.

The main impact on the Parish will be related to sewage and the lack of capacity at the water recycling centre. Furthermore according to information provided by the National Rivers Trust the centre overflowed 47 times for a total period of 95 hours in 2021. This development could have series impacts for the parish.

It was **AGREED** to object to the application along the lines of the circulated comments from Simon Covey – see attached response

7 Date of Next Meeting

This was confirmed as the 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm in Burgh Reading Rooms

The meeting closed at 7.21pm

Burgh and Tuttington Parish Council

Comments on Planning Application 20222089: Erection of 255 dwellings, 90-unit extra care/independent living scheme, land for community sustainable transport hub, vehicular accesses, landscaping, public open space and associated infrastructure.

1. Our submission regarding planning application 20222089 is to **OBJECT** on the basis that the development represents an unacceptable risk of pollution to our parish of Burgh and Tuttington and more widely to the natural environment of the river Bure and the Broads.

2. The Bure is a rare and prized chalk stream and a primary feeder river for the Broads National Park, a wetland of international importance. Any risk to this environment from development must be considered of primary importance. The planning application for 255 new dwellings is only part of a proposed programme of development on the east side of Aylsham. Sewage from Aylsham and any new developments is treated by the Anglian Water Recycling Centre (AWRC) on the east side of the town. Treated material enters the river Bure in our parish.

3. The Burgh and Tuttington Parish Council took part in the GNLP Regulation 18 consultation and subsequently objected at the Regulation 19 stage when this site of an additional 255 dwellings was added without consultation. We provided evidence at that stage citing an independent report by Create Consulting Engineers Ltd (2018) that the AWRC had capacity for treating waste from only 100 extra dwellings.

4. In one of the submissions with this planning application, namely the Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Document, Anglian Water admit that the AWRC "...currently does not have capacity to treat the flows from your (the) development site." (Page 515, Appendix Q, p4). Yet in the same document (Page 20, sections 5.4 and 5.5) Anglian Water claim that the AWRC "...currently has capacity to treat the flows from the development site." This ambiguous statement can be interpreted to mean that there is sufficient capacity for the current site but only before development begins. Whatever the intention, these apparently contradictory statements suggest a level of confusion in the ability of the Aylsham AWRC to cope with the additional flows from this and any future developments.

5. There has been much publicity in the national press of late about releases of untreated sewage into our river systems and the coast. This, combined with an over-

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stretched policing body - the Environment Agency - means that all due diligence is essential at the planning stage where new developments raise the risk of untreated sewage entering the rivers and the Broads, a problem made more critical as predicted climate change increases the flood and release risk yet further. According to the Rivers Trust, the AWRC reported 47 storm overflow spill events into the Bure lasting a total of 95 hours in 2021.

6. We believe that the planners must consider more closely a requirement for the installation of on-site sewage treatment plant(s), and/or satisfy themselves that there are specific and detailed plans to expand the capacity of the AWRC to cope with the extra flows of foul waste water generated by expected increases to the population of Aylsham.