



**MINUTES of BRANTHAM PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE on**  
26 March 2025, 7.00pm at Brantham Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Cllrs M Bridgeman (MB) (Chair), E Osben, A Evedane, L Cherry, J Heywood, Martin Clarke, K Donaldson, A McCraw

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Sarah Keys (SK) (Clerk), Fiona Coley (Assistant Clerk) and 21 members of the public

PLC 03.25.01	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr Toni Lancaster - <b>aif</b>
PLC 03.25.02	<b>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b> a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct - None b) To receive notification of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 - None c) To receive requests for dispensations - None
PLC 03.25.03	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> Members of the public present commented as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Several members of the public concerned about privacy as if what is being proposed goes ahead residents will be able to see directly into each other's properties.</li><li>• Concern for what is going to happen to the species that live in this area and are seen on a regular basis, for example nesting Kestrels, which are protected.</li><li>• This is going to be an overlap with the current housing development by Taylor Wimpey which affects residents every day. This would mean putting up with this disruption all over again.</li><li>• Concerns that there has already been a 40% increase in building in Brantham in the last 8 years.</li><li>• The location of the entrance, which is on the brow of a hill and concerned that a child or vulnerable person could get hit by a vehicle.</li><li>• Access to the gardens – as it is believed that there would be no emergency access to gardens.</li><li>• Concern about the school's availability for local children to be able to attend the school, as it is likely to be oversubscribed.</li><li>• Suggestion of making the area a place of natural beauty and somewhere that kids could explore instead of more houses.</li><li>• Resident annoyed that they did not get a letter to inform them of the plans.</li><li>• Suggestions that there must be other areas in which building could take place that would not disturb protected wildlife.</li><li>• Concern that existing properties may experience problems with retaining walls and damage to properties, due to the vibration on the ground from the equipment.</li><li>• Concerns for 3 green boxes on the S bend, what is going to happen to them.</li><li>• Concerns about a tree which has a preservation order on it and how would the health of the tree be protected and who would be overseeing this.</li><li>• Concerns about the infrastructure.</li><li>• Concern about the land which is known locally as bouncy or springy field.</li><li>• How is the green space going to be offset, as this has not been explained by the developers.</li><li>• Consideration to be given to providing the public with some more guidance.</li></ul> The chair invited each Councillor to express their views. The Councillors all spoke in turn and agreed with the majority of the comments from the public. The Chair advised all present to submit individual comments on the application.



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	<p>EO voiced an opinion in relation to tandem car parking spaces for the site and is concerned as the road is so narrow that this may hinder a fire engine and cause an obstruction if vehicles are parked on the road.</p> <p>It was felt by the Cllrs that the planners should do a site visit as this would be beneficial and MB and AM are happy to be in attendance if this can be arranged.</p> <p>The Chair proposed that he compiles a response on behalf of the Parish Council covering the points made from the meeting. He also proposed that he attends the planning committee meeting in order to speak on behalf of the village. <b>MB Propose, EO 2<sup>nd</sup> aif – (AM abstained)</b></p>
PLC 03.25.04	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS DC/25/01039 Land South Of Brooklands Road Brantham Suffolk</p> <p>Residential development of 49No dwellings and associated infrastructure and landscaping – Noted and discussed at length and the Chair is going to provide a response.</p>
PLC 03.25.05	<p>DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS – all taking place at Brantham Village Hall</p> <p>a) Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 02 April 2025, Brantham Village Hall, 7pm</p>

MEETING FINISHED AT 7.45pm

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