

ELTISLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at The Newton
Primary School, Eltisley
on Tuesday 27 February 2007 At 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs: Messrs M Cropley, R Pinner (Chairman), D Lee, M Lines and J Pettifor, Mrs C Freeman, and Mrs D Spink.

In attendance: Mrs L Hazel (LGS Services) and 2 member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence and declarations of interests**

None as all members were present.

Mrs Spink declared an interest the planning application as a member of the District Council's Planning Committee and Portfolio Holder for Housing.

2. **Northern Affordable Homes planning application and appeal**

The history of the site, the current appeal on last year's application, correspondence from a resident objecting to the proposals, the Housing Needs Survey for Eltisley, the results from the Parish Plan questionnaires relating to housing needs and also various planning and guidance papers were all considered.

On a proposition by Mr Lee seconded by Mrs Freeman it was proposed that this application was recommended for approval with the following comments. The vote was recorded as 4 for and 2 against.

- The Parish Council recognise the need for affordable housing however feel that this site is unsuitable because of the dangerous access, flooding, sewage smells, road noise and the ecological value, and that a more suitable site could be found.
- If the development should proceed then it should comply with the following conditions:-
 - Ownership should be transferred to a Housing Association to ensure that the occupancy remains with local people with affordable housing needs.
 - Consideration should be given to the density of housing on such a small site and measures should be undertaken to alleviate the flooding, reduce road noise and sewage smells and ensure safe access.
 - No parking should be allowed on the St. Neots Road and due consideration should be given to disabled access and parking.
 - The ecological value of the site should be taken into account with landscaping appropriate to it.
 - The Parish Council should be consulted on the terms of the Section 106 Agreement to ensure that the terms of it are relevant in particular that the scheme remains 'affordable' and benefits 'Eltisley'.

3. **Closure of meeting**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ Date.