

Long Stratton Town Council

MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY 2024 @ 7pm IN THE COMMUNITY PAVILION ROOM

In attendance: Councillors, Kelly Lunnes, Helen Dickerson, Judith Baker, Andrew Lansdell, Susan Smith, Justin Harris and Florence Morimont

Town Clerk Becky Buck and Council Apprentice Molly Hallett.

1. To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Willis gave apologies of absence due to prior commitments, these were accepted by the Council.

2. To receive disclosures of interest and dispensations

There were no disclosures of interest or dispensations received.

3. To discuss and decide on street lighting for the new development.

Following a lengthy discussion, the following points were raised.

- Lighting required on all junctions and footpaths.
- Low level lighting for footpaths
- Ask Norfolk County Council if there is a projected maintenance cost.
- Ask Norfolk County Council if they are putting lighting on the Western relief road on the side
 of the footpath and cycle way.
- Request that all lighting in all of the new developments are the same.

4. To discuss and decide on adopting open space as per email from Norfolk Homes.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Council acknowledged their experience with management companies have not been positive, with management companies often being dissolved leaving the development in a state of disrepair.

With this in mind the Council have approved a management company to look after the open spaces but have asked the following of Norfolk Homes.

- Is the management company in house with Norfolk Homes or is it contracted out?
- If it is contracted out, can the Town Council be part of the tendering process?
- Can we please have a copy of the maintenance specification so that we can monitor the works that take place moving forward?



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- Can the Council have a seat at board meetings where the management company meet to discuss this development?
- If the management company struggle to maintain the development to a satisfactory level will there be a clause put in place which will allow removal of said company so that we can put a new management company in its place?

Also, although the Town Council would like phase 1 to be adopted by a management company, the Town Council would like the opportunity of first refusal for phases 2,3 + 4.

With there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:43

