



# Three Saints South Elmham Parish Council

All Saints & St. Nicholas, St. Michael and St. Peter South Elmham

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

*Rumburgh Village Hall*

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7.30pm**

**Present Councillors:** John Flatt (Chair), Heather Hughes-Jones (Vice Chair), Richard Pooley & Paul Watkin

**Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer:** Sally Chapman

**Also Present:**

## PUBLIC FORUM

### A. Public Forum – for Members of the Public

None

## MINUTES

### 1. To consider Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Patrick.

### 2. To record Declarations of Interests and to consider Requests for Dispensation

None

### 3. Planning Applications and Decisions

#### Applications

#### a) Planning reference: DC/22/2587/FUL

Proposal: The erection of a telescopic wireless mast and attached antennae with an overall height of 21 metres, in a disused paddock within the curtilage of the property, for licensed amateur reception and propagation of radio signals.

Address: Primrose Cottage, Stubb Lane, South Elmham St Michael, Suffolk, NR35 1ND

Councillors resolved to OBJECT to the above application with the following comments:

- It was not made clear on the planning application if this is an additional application to Ref. No. DC/22/2587/FUL Proposal: Erection of an 18-metre wireless mast, with attached antennae, in a paddock within the property curtilage for licensed amateur reception and propagation of radio signals of which TSPC OBJECTED to at the meeting on 11th August 2022 or an additional taller 21 metre wireless mast application.
- Councillors find the attached antennae DB18E (as illustrated in the photographs) the main reason for their objection.
- Accepting a 21-metre mast would set a precedent for other utility masts which currently are not being allowed and wires are being buried and put in conduits. It is also noted that the footpath close to the cottage include one which is notable for giving important views of The Saints, being high up, so you can see 4 or more churches. In other words, these are rather special footpaths.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- On the footpaths the mast/s would be experienced very closely by walkers and a very distracting feature on the landscape.

Comments from the previous application dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 still stand:

- The area where the cottage stands is open, undulating landscape, unique to Suffolk, made up of wide unbroken stretches of arable farmland, large commons, scattered farmhouses and buildings (many dated 16C and 17c).
- The proposed wireless mast with attached antennae is not acceptable and detract from the landscape and dwarf the cottage, being approximately three times taller.
- The 21-metre wireless mast, with antennae, is in sight of Saint Michael's Grade 1 listed Church and will be clearly visible from public rights of way, open common, roads and properties for a vast distance and diminishes the nature of the area.
- It is incorrect to say 'For most of the year the extended structure will be virtually invisible, screened by a substantial line of trees...' Most of the surrounding trees are deciduous and seasonally shed leaves in the autumn that do not reappear Signed spring. For half of the year, the mast will be clearly visible where there are trees. Most of the views of the site are without trees and so the mast, antennae and supporting guys will always be visible.

**b) Ref. No. DC/22/2587/FUL**

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Councillors resolved to OBJECT to the above application at the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 meeting.

**Decisions**

Cllrs noted:

**c) Ref. No: DC/22/1891/FUL**

Validated Construction of rural workers dwelling

Address: G Engineering Ltd Malt Office Lane Rumburgh Suffolk Halesworth

Status: Permitted

**4. To Receive items for the next Agenda**

**a) Telegraph Poles from Low Farm to St Peters Brewery**

**5. To Confirm the Next Meeting Dates:**

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm

*The meeting ended at 8.24pm*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_