

Minutes of the extra full Council meeting of Taverham Parish Council held on Monday 19 August 2024, held in Suite 2, Taverham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm, when there were present:

Mrs C Karimi-Ghovanlou in the Chair  
Mrs L Barrington-Smith      Mrs J Latchford  
Mrs B Clarke                      Mr S Matthews  
Mr N Dack                          Mr T Yousefian  
Mr B Knights

Also present: Clerk.

**139/24 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ellis

**140/24 To receive Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**

None

**141/24 The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 August** were agreed and then signed by the Chairman

**142/24 Public Break**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**143/24 To make representations to Norfolk County Council and Broadland District Council regarding the Marriott's Park development and the North West Link Road, following the discovery of an ancient woodland**

Councillors noted that there had been a report in the local press stating that a small area of woodland near to the proposed NWL road had been designated as ancient woodland. There were concerns that the designation of the ancient woodland would halt plans to construct the road, as the discovery of the woodland would imply that the surveys for the ecological impact assessment had not been thorough.

The Marriott's Park development of up to 1500 new homes had not yet been given planning permission. Once the development had been completed, there would be approximately 3000 additional cars on local roads. Without the NWL road there would be an increase in rat running through the village to the A47. It was commented that infrastructure needed to be in place before a large scale development should be permitted to proceed.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Norfolk County Council to request a copy of the report detailing the discovery of the ancient wood, along with map references and the County Council's assurance that the ecological surveys were robust enough to withstand scrutiny.

**144/24 It was resolved to close the meeting to the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the following agenda item**

**145/24 To consider legal advice regarding remaining issues relating to the land transfer at Taursham Park**

The Meeting received an update regarding the unknown third party rights and restrictions. The Play Inspection Company had also carried out an annual inspection on the play area at Draper Way and any risks were identified as being low or very low.

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It was **RESOLVED** to request that Abel Homes open the play area despite the land transfer having not been completed and that the Parish Council would be willing to take ownership of the play area in its current condition.

The Meeting was closed at 7.55pm

Signed ..... Dated .....

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