

# Topcroft Parish Council

## Minutes from Topcroft Parish Council's Meeting held at Topcroft Pavilion on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Peter Rout (Chair), Trevor Potter, Step Dye,

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

**Also present:** One parishioner

### Public Forum

#### A. Members of the Public

A parishioner stated 'The original planning permission was for a studio and now it's much bigger and a residential unit'.

### Main Meeting

#### 1. To consider Apologies for Absence

No apologies received.

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

None

#### 3. Planning Applications and to note Decisions (*circulated as received*)

##### Applications

##### a) Erection of garden shed at front

1 Apple Tree Cottage Topcroft Street Topcroft NR35 2BL

Ref. No: 2017/2377

Status: Pending Consideration

**Cllrs discussed and happy to support. Unanimous**

##### b) Certificate of lawful use for the existing use of Annexe

The Barnyard Topcroft Street Topcroft NR35 2BL

Ref. No: 2017/2210

Status: Pending Consideration

**Councillors discussed at the 30th October Planning Meeting and agreed unanimously:**

- The area in yellow (see attachment 1) has changed from a studio to residential accommodation without authorised planning permission.
- The areas outlined in red have been developed recently, especially the building/s nearer the road.
- In the 2006 google earth photograph (see attachment 2 and 3) there has been another extension which was not in the 1999 google earth photograph.
- The Parish Council are concerned by accepting this planning application it will add increased capacity to the site.
- The Parish Council urge SNC to compare the original planning application and seek evidence of a change of use from a studio to residential accommodation.
- SNC should include a condition that the Barnyard cannot be split up and sold off and they should remain under one ownership.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

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

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- The Parish Council are very concerned about unlawful development in the Barnyard and the Council Tax not paid on these dwellings.
- Allowing buildings to be changed to residential accommodation without the relevant planning permission sets a precedence to other people to totally disregard planning regulations.

## c) Change of use of land to domestic use (retrospective)

The Barnyard Topcroft Street Topcroft NR35 2BL

Ref. No: 2017/2211

Status: Pending Consideration

### Cllrs discussed and agreed unanimously:

- The residential accommodation has been overdeveloped and not in agreement with the original plans.
- The Parish Council are concerned by accepting this planning application it will add increased capacity to the site.
- Cllrs agreed another road access should not be allowed on this site.
- SNC should include a condition that the Barnyard cannot be split up and sold off and they should remain under one ownership.
- In the 2017 google earth photograph (see attachment 1) two buildings can be seen on the back meadow. They are not present on 2006 google earth photograph (see attachment 2). It has been reported these building have/are being lived in and one building regularly has a television on and the other has bunk beds.
- The Parish Council are very concerned about unlawful development in the Barnyard and the Council Tax not paid on these dwellings.
- Allowing buildings to be residential accommodation without the relevant planning permission sets a precedence to other people to totally disregard planning regulations.

## Decisions

Cllrs noted the following:

### a) Boundary wall, extending of existing driveway and relocation of gate (revised)

Stackyard Cottage Barford Road Topcroft NR35 2BB

Ref. No: 2017/2152

Status: Approved with Conditions

### b) New Greenhouse

Gardiners Cottage Topcroft Street Topcroft NR35 2BL

Ref. No: 2017/2003.

Status: Approved with Conditions

## 4. To confirm the next meeting date:

- 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm

**The meeting closed at 8.05pm**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

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