

# BLOFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Blofield Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in the MARGARET HARKER HALL at 7.30p.m.

1. **PRESENT** Cllr. M. Tetlow - (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs. G. Butler (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Dr.D.Pilch, Cllr.J.Marney, , Cllr. Mrs. L. Copping., Cllr. Mrs. S.Toothill and Cllr. Mrs. P. Wilson and District Councillor G. Debbage .  
Clerk also in attendance and there were 140 residents present.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from, Cllr Mrs.J. Perry.Cllr. Mrs.B.Dawson, Mrs. S. Larsen Cllr D.Ward, Cllr. B. Murphy

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive declarations of interest both prejudicial and personal referring to items on the Agenda.

There were no declarations.

4. **OPEN FORUM** for public participation (to include if any, reports from County /District Councillors and Norfolk Constabulary. Chairman explained the process of %Open Forum+  
“Suspend Standing Orders”.

Approximately twelve residents gave their views on the Planning Application being discussed tonight. All were objections. Letters had also been received. Several questions were asked of the Council members and answers were given with clarity.

After further discussion, Chairman finding that all questions had been dealt with reminded residents that the Open Forum would now be closed to allow the Council members to discuss the application and formulate their reply.

Residents were quite welcome to stay for this part of the meeting, but could take no further part in the proceedings.

“Resume Standing Orders”

5. **PLAN FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**P.A. 20110074 – MANOR PARK, BLOFIELD.**

**Mixed Use Development comprising a Maximum of 195 Residential units, Maximum of 4,000 sq.m (Class B1) and Open Space (Outline)**

**Land at Yarmouth Road, Blofield**

**Submitted by AGH Smith, J.E.Smith and SLA Property Company Ltd.**

**After lengthy discussions the following points were selected to be included in the Parish Councils reply.**

**Blofield Parish Council very strongly objects to Planning Application 20110074, on the following grounds:**

1. THE PROPOSED SITE IS OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.
2. THE RESIDENTS OF BLOFIELD ARE OVERWHELMINGLY AGAINST THE SCALE OF THE PROPOSAL.
3. IT PRE-EMPTS THE OUTCOME OF THE JOINT CORE STRATEGY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

4. THE PROPOSAL IS FOR A 25% INCREASE IN HOUSING FOR THE VILLAGE OF BLOFIELD AND IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. THE CHANGES WOULD CAUSE DESTRUCTION TO BLOFIELD PARISHIONERS' WAY OF LIFE, WHICH IS REALISTICALLY AND HISTORICALLY RURAL.
5. THE CURRENT SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF SCHOOLS, DOCTORS, ROADS ETC, BARELY COPE WITH THE CURRENT PARISHIONERS' NEEDS AND THEY WOULD NOT COPE WITH ADDITIONAL HOUSING ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE.
6. THE LOSS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND.
7. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SITE WOULD DOMINATE AND RUIN THE VIEW WHEN ENTERING BLOFIELD.
8. WE FEEL THERE IS LITTLE NEED TO SITE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY HERE WHEN BROADLAND BUSINESS PARK IS A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY AND MORE SUITED TO THAT KIND OF DEVELOPMENT.
9. THERE ARE MANY MORE ASPECTS OF THE APPLICATION THAT COULD BE DISCUSSED AS BEING UNACCEPTABLE, BUT THESE ARE FOR THE FUTURE, IF AND WHEN THIS APPLICATION IS RE-VISITED.

**Business having been concluded, Chairman thanked all for coming and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.**