

A planning meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday, 5th March 2018 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Cushing, Cllr Howlett-Thomson, Cllr Stangoe, Cllr Whitmore, the clerk and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Abu-Hejleh, Fleming and Thomas.

As this was an extraordinary meeting to discuss a planning application, no minutes were read nor other business considered.

Planning Application DC/17/5380/OUT. Outline planning application for up to 290 dwellings, car parking, open space, including the provision of allotments with associated infrastructure and access. Land at Redwald Road, Rendlesham.

All the absent councillors had expressed their objection to this development.

It was clear from social media that other local parishes, along with Eyke were unhappy with the way in which this application had been handled by SCDC. District Councillor Ray Herring had been assured by SCDC Planning Department that the information had been sent out on 22nd January, with a 4 week time frame for response. Eyke did not receive the documents until 7th February, and only received the covering letter from SCDC on request, on 9th February. It was noted in that letter that the cut off date for response was 11th February, not 19th February, as told to Cllr Herring.

A draft of a possible response by Cllr Cushing was circulated. All agreed that they objected to the application on the grounds of the inadequate road network, specifically the A1152 in Eyke, and the lack of other infrastructure: schools, medical facilities, water and sewerage facilities.

As well as this, there is the question of whether the development could provide truly affordable homes and whether in fact such a large number of houses is needed.

It was agreed that the clerk would draft a response based on Cllr Cushing's letter, and would forward a copy to all councillors and other interested parties.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.