

**Wetheringsett cum Brockford Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held Monday 27 January 2020, 6pm at the Village Hall,**  
**Wetheringsett**

Present: Cllrs Mrs E Cain (Vice Chairman), Mrs E Aldred, B Lacey, Mrs H Green and M Pease. One member of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs T Alston, Mrs A Arnold, D Brown, Mrs C Estcourt, C Harvey and Mrs S Gibbs.
2. **Declarations of interest relating to item on the agenda** – none.
3. **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Mr Steve Palframan (Debenham PC) addressed the meeting regarding the agenda item – DC/19/05769 Land to North of Gracechurch Street, Debenham: (Access to be considered) for erection of up to 295 dwellings:

The recent planning application was very similar to the previous application, with only minor changes

It had been submitted within the 12 month deadline just prior to Xmas

It was Contrary to the Debenham Neighbourhood Plan and had been rejected on landscape, flooding & traffic concerns

There was an initial proposal of 295 homes with a further 350 homes for phase 2

The implications would be catastrophic for neighbourhood plans as it was totally contrary to the published plan

Debenham had an agreed Neighbourhood plan allowing for 350 houses until 2035. The Taylor Wimpey application was not on any of the 3 sites identified by the Neighbourhood Plan.

A Barrister would be submitting objections on behalf of DPC, on the main issues of flooding and traffic management

The traffic issue could affect Wetheringsett. An independent traffic survey would be used in DPC appeal

Flooding was likely to be an major issue

*Meeting closed to the public*

4. **To consider a response to MSDC to a Taylor Wimpey Outline Planning Application:**

DC/19/05769 Land to North of Gracechurch Street, Debenham: (Access to be considered) for erection of up to 295 dwellings, 2ha for potential primary school site or community/care use, two new vehicular accesses from Gracechurch Street. Associated developments including flood alleviation and surface water attenuation features, distributor road, associated public open space, landscaping and other infrastructure and utilities; and any impact this would have upon Wetheringsett

The meeting was unanimously against the development on the following grounds:

Objections:

Traffic volume as users of Debenham shops and doctors surgery

Flooding on approaches from Wetheringsett via Little London Hill

Undermined the Debenham Neighbourhood plan totally and by association any Wetheringsett NP

Infrastructure capacity i.e. doctors surgery, Leisure Centre, public transport, Infant/Junior school capacity

The impact on countryside, views etc.

Potential traffic impact from Debenham coming north via Wetheringsett.

5. **Date of next ordinary meeting: Monday 3 February 2020, 7pm at the Village Hall, Wetheringsett**

Meeting closed 18:24.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: