

**Minutes of Brooke Parish Council site meeting held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 9.30am at Brooke Meres.**

**Present:** Mr Harrison (Chairman), Mr Warman, Mr Sanford, Mrs Beardsell & Mr Jinks (who declared an interest in both).

**Apologies:** Mr Mears, Mr Tobin, Mr Musgrave, Mrs Powell and Mrs Andrews (Clerk)

A representative from Spurgeons was expected but did not appear.

**2019/0583 – Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2017/2159 at 49, High Green.**

The site was examined and the following comments were made:-

The Parish Council feels that the proposal to widen the access road to the pumping station from 4m to 8m should be refused as it is unnecessary and would create the risk of the housing development extending onto the land to the west.

The Parish Council feels that the planning application should be refused unless Anglian Water is able to demonstrate a compelling need for an 8m wide access road to be used exclusively for service vehicles to access to the pumping station.

Concerns are as follows:

- The pumping station access road is served by the existing Mallows estate road, whose carriageway is 4m wide and contains 3 bends
- Service vehicles for the pumping station will have to pass through the 4m wide estate road, so there is no need for the access road to be any wider than 4m
- We feel there is a risk that the widened access road will be used to open up the backland to the west, thereby enabling the housing development to extend behind plots 5, 12 and 13
- The pumping station is situated in the southern half of its site, meaning that the northern half could be re-designated as an extension of the estate road
- Any such extended development would be on greenfield land which is outside the current planning permission boundary and outside the current village development boundary
- The Parish Council has consistently opposed new development outside the current development boundary for Brooke and would resist further development in this location.

**2019/0668 – Proposed single storey rear and two storey side extensions to 53, High Green**

The plans and site were examined. The development leaves 1m space to the neighbouring site and the neighbours are happy with the proposals.

The application was recommended for approval.