

**SAHAM TONEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THE
19TH JANUARY 2016**

These are draft Minutes will not be approved by the Parish Council until its next meeting on the 8th February and are therefore subject to change.

An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held on the 19th January 2016 at 7.45 p.m. at The Wells-Cole Community Centre.

Present – Mr. J. Kemp in the Chair supported by Messrs T. Bunce, N. Creek, R. Harrold, B. Hinkins, J. Laws, S. McConnell, Mrs. M. Roy and Ms. M. Baldwin.

1. Apologies for Absence: There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda: No councillor declared an interest in any Agenda item.

3.To consider Plan 3PL/2015/0976/O – residential development up to 65 dwellings, community medical centre, open space and associated works at Richmond Hall, Richmond Road

Following on from the Open Parish Meeting, the Chairman asked all councillors for their comments on the plan. The following points were raised:-

1. The urgency of the need to do a housing needs survey of the parish to ascertain demand. This could then be reflected in the NP.
2. The issue of the number of houses to be built in Saham set at 108 in the Local Plan. This number is not set in stone and this development would fulfil 9% of Saham Toney's obligation at present with another 5% needed to achieve the target of 14%. Will Saham be required to carry more houses from parishes who object to the number allocated?
3. Richmond Road has the highest volume of traffic going through the village. Speedwatch had recorded 326 in one hour on this road.
4. Expansion would be preferred in a much gentler manner.
5. Breckland are to make changes to the settlement boundary – we should then keep to this boundary.
6. This application on a green field site outside the settlement boundary would set a precedent for other developments in the parish.
7. The number of properties needed in the village is too vague.
8. The Council needs to plan where we would like development and put this into the NP.
9. As this is an outline plan only it could turn out to be very different in reality.

The Chairman proposed a vote on this plan and it was unanimously agreed to object as above. The Clerk to prepare a draft letter to be agreed by all councillors before submission to Breckland.

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 p.m.