NOTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF LANGWORTH GROUP PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18TH MARCH 2015 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, LANGWORTH, TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON BARLINGS LANE, LANGWORTH AND SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FROM A158

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Yvette Green (Chair), Mrs Sheila Burnett, Peter Bowser,
Mrs Jill Walton, Mrs Chris King, Mike Herbert, Clive Buttress, Chris Judge
35 residents, Mrs C Myers (Clerk),

In attendance: District Councillor Chris Darcel, County Councillor Ian Fleetwood, Mr Phil Scrafton and Mr Sam Elkington (Globe Consultants)

142 APOLOGIES: Councillor Miss Jackie Scott

The Chair opened the meeting by stressing that no formal planning application had yet been submitted. She suspended Standing Orders in order to allow residents to speak during the meeting and to give their views.

Two letters had been received from residents which were read out to the meeting.

District Councillor Chris Darcel stated that if a Neighbourhood Plan was not in place in a village it did allow developers to apply for planning permission in the locality. However it should be emphasised that there were opportunities for gains under Section 106 Agreements.

County Councillor Ian Fleetwood stated that as Vice Chair of the District Planning Committee he would be observing and listening to residents comments. He did however state that anyone can apply for planning permission on land that they do not own. He also emphasised that infrastructures such as roads, drains, etc would be required to be in place prior to commencement of any development.

143 POINTS RAISED IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT/REVISED ACCESS ONTO A158 FROM ENTRANCE AT STRAWBERRY FIELDS

- Concerns of drainage, narrowness of road, traffic problems with width of agricultural vehicles currently using Barlings Lane the lane currently being narrow and not being able to cope with any more traffic.
- What benefits would the development bring to the village?
- Concern that the crime rate in the village would increase.
- Residents of main road expressed concern about the increase in traffic onto the Main Road and the additional difficulty this would create in them being able to exit onto the A158.
- Unless the village was expanded there would be no additional amenities, i.e. shop.
- Suggestion of blocking up Barlings Lane at the junction and using the new development road from the A158 Strawberry Fields as egress and ingress into the Lane.

• What would there be for any youngsters to do as there is nothing in the village currently?

The Chair thanked residents for attending what had been an interesting meeting and gave assurances that should a planning application be received a further public meeting would be held. The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.