



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Closed Parish Council Meeting of Akeley Parish Council held on Tuesday
4th December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Terry Cavender (Chair), Clair Flynn, John Hockley (Vice-Chair),
Mike Mortimer, Julie Rodwell (Clerk)

The reason for this closed meeting is: The Parish Council wishes to discuss the letter received from W E Black in response to the Parish council's letter accepting the developers offer to transfer land into the ownership of the Parish Council.

In order to facilitate an open discussion on all aspects of the proposal it is advisable and in the public interest that the public be excluded.

Any decisions and the reasons underlying them will be made available to the public and comments welcomed.

APOLOGIES: Joanne Ackerman, Rebecca Wheeler

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA: None

BACKGROUND: Following a site meeting with members of the Parish Council W E Black offered to transfer land at the rear of the field into the ownership of the Parish Council so that it can be retained for the benefit of the village in perpetuity. The offer was discussed at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 19th November and it was agreed that the offer would be accepted but that the Parish Council could not withdraw its objection to the planning application unless it had a mandate from the village to do so. In his response to the Parish Councils letter accepting the offer Mr Eric Gadsden, W E Black stated *"I presume the Parish council will be writing to the planning officer advising them of our agreement in principle and at the same time withdrawing the Parish Councils objection to the proposed scheme"*

RESOLUTION: It was resolved that the Clerk would reply to the developer to advise that to date the only views formally expressed by the villagers of Akeley have been objections and the Parish Council would need to ensure that it had a clear mandate to consider withdrawing its objection to the scheme. In order to allow members of the public the opportunity to make their views known, permission would be requested for the most recent letter to be shared, prior to the January meeting, via the Parish Council website and Notice Boards. Clarification would also be sought regarding the ownership of the proposed access road.