

Crealy Park Meeting 13 February 2019 at 10 am

Present:

Chris Down (CD) – Managing Director and Business Owner of Crealy Park

Josh Haywood (JH) – General Manager of Crealy Park

Paul Weston (PW) - Community Consultant

Jane Watts (JW) – Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan steering group member

Purpose of meeting:

- To inform the management of Crealy Park of the purpose and progress on the Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan.
- To confirm the current boundary of the theme park and resort and land in the ownership of Crealy Park.
- To gather information on the current development plan for Crealy Park and the long-term development strategy.
- To discuss the efficacy of the current Local Plan policies and planning issues experienced.

PW explained the background of the purpose and progress of the Farringdon Neighbourhood Plan.

The current boundary of the theme park and resort was discussed in detail. Crealy is still a farm as well as a theme park which has grown slowly over the last 30 years. There is now accommodation on site including a camping and caravan park – 104 pitches, 24 glamping pitches and 29 lodges. CD who is the business owner said that Farringdon as a parish had been very supportive in what had been achieved at Crealy to date.

With the changes in how people choose to holiday, those at Crealy note that there is an increased demand for mini breaks in the UK which they would like to be able to offer. They therefore envisage further development of their accommodation.

The current Local Plan policies E19 and E20 were discussed which Crealy adheres to. They have had no insurmountable planning problems over the years. There have been concerns about the Crealy site from the Residents' Association in Old Mill Lane, Clyst St Mary, which have been addressed in a mindful and sensitive manner.

Any Other Business

PW and JW were given a tour of the accommodation sites which were all of a very high standard, well positioned and surrounded by hedges and trees.

The meeting closed at 11 15am.