

LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

An additional Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 28th September 2017 and commenced at 7.00pm in the village hall. The Chairman, Mr. Arthey welcomed the following Parish Cllrs. to the meeting – R Corcoran, M Hainsworth, Mrs R Howe, Mrs F Moore, A Sturgeon and D Waldron to the meeting. Also present were xx members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE
 - i. There were no applicable apologies of absence. Council noted the absence of the Clerk due to personal circumstances.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
 - i. Cllr. Arthey declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests for Agenda Item 7iii as and in accordance with the 2011 Localism Act agreed not to participate or vote in the matter. Additionally, in accordance with the *Suffolk Local Code of Conduct* he would leave the room for the duration of the item. There were no further declarations of interest for the agenda under discussion. There were also no declarations of gifts of hospitality received exceeding £25.
 - ii. There were no requests for dispensations for the agenda under discussion.
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:
Agreement was forthcoming for the minutes of 13th September 2017 to be signed at the next full Parish Council Meeting.
4. CLERK'S REPORT: there were no matters coming forth for consideration.
5. PUBLIC FORUM: there were no matters raised by the members of the public present.
6. PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS
 - i. It was confirmed that Cllr. Hainsworth would attend the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Seminar being run at Suffolk Association of Local Councils on 10th October 2017 which will provide more information on the appointment of a Data Protection Officer (DPO) and associated duties.
7. PLANNING ISSUES: council considered the following:
 - i. Babergh Mid Suffolk Local Plan Consultation Document - to consider and form a response on the New Joint Local Plan.
The Local Plan was discussed by the Council and the questions posed in the document were considered and addressed. It was agreed that Cllrs. Arthey and Hainsworth agreed to produce a document that would reflect the Council's views. It was noted that the cut-off date for all submissions was 10th November 2017.
 - ii. Planning Application: DC/17/03751 - erection of 2 No 3 bedroom dwellings with associated garages (following demolition of existing dwelling), application to include change of use from agricultural land to residential use @ The Bungalow, The Street.
Having declared a pecuniary interest, Cllr. Arthey left the room and did not participate in the discussion or the vote that followed. Cllr. Hainsworth took the Chair for the item that followed.
The meeting reviewed the site and a concern was raised over the fact that the bungalow was to be removed as it had been built specifically for a villager. It was however acknowledged that planning was about buildings and their impact on the long term outlook of the village. It was noted that recent applications had supported a need and had taken into consideration the needs of those who had submitted the applications, whereas this one was a commercial development and as such did not tick any planning values that the Parish Council would support.

Signed.....

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Discussion ensued over the need to support regeneration and incremental growth and whether the Council should be looking at the buildings themselves and whether they would enhance the village. It was suggested that the Parish Council should not consider the short term gains for the applicant but the long term impact the buildings would have. It was noted that the location would fit the Council's forward view as to the regeneration of the centre of the village and the fact that these are 2 mid-sized well built houses supports the introduction of new families into the village. It was considered that the materials will be sympathetic and of a high standard. Council agreed to support the application by 5 votes to 1.

Cllr. Arthey returned to join the meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Parish Meeting on Wednesday 8th November 2017 commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey.

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