

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2013 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

1. PRESENT- Mr P Mortimer, Chairman, Mrs S. Hatchman, Mr G. Elliott, Mr P. Schwier Mr B. Williams, Mr P. Schwier, Mr G. McEvoy, Mr T. Godbold.

District Councillor Marilyn Curran, PCSO Steve Long

2. APOLOGIES – Mrs B. Vidion

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None

4. MINUTES – The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 7th and 22nd January and 15th February 2013 were approved and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING – There were 2 corrections to the minutes.

‘No Through Road’ sign – The Clerk had contacted Mr McGregor for funding from the Locality fund. He has passed this request to the local office. The Clerk will follow this up.

The Deed of Grant has now been completed and we have a copy of the grant.

6. REPORTS

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MARILYN CURRAN

Mrs Curran said that a new planning officer has taken over the applications for the pub and the land opposite Crooked Cottage. He is now looking into these applications.

The Council Tax has been frozen for this year.

There is to be consultation on the next round of appointments. There will be an officer dealing specifically with 106 agreements.

The waste incinerator at Great Blakenham is being built and the chimneys are being installed. This will generate energy from the waste being burnt. Mrs Curran will enquire if this will result in less landfill and also if the chimney emissions are 'green'.

PSO STEVE LONG – There was no report on the night as the attending officer was diverted but a report was sent in the next day.

The new Chief Constable Douglas Paxton took up his post on 8th February.

There have also been cases of fraudsters claiming to sell advertising space in publications on behalf of the police. Anyone approached is asked to ring 101 to confirm their legitimacy.

7. OPEN FORUM – No Comments

8. FINANCE

a. The following payments were approved. –

- £320 – Mrs L. J. Silvester, Clerks salary
- £80 - HMRC, PAYE payment
- £75 - Metfield Village Hall, Hall hire
- £50 – Mr P. Mortimer, Chairman's expenses

b. Donations

The council has received requests for a donation from Metfield Under 5's group to help with repairs to the shed in which they keep equipment.

It was agreed that we should help and a 'one off' donation of £30 was proposed by Mr Elliott. This was seconded by Mr Schwier and carried by councillors.

c. Precept – The form requesting the amended precept has been returned and acknowledged.

d. The Clerk has received an advert for PAYE services at a charge of £45. It was agreed that we could deal with ourselves.

e. Playground/cemetery maintenance.

Mr Scholey and Mr Horton have agreed to continue for the next year. They have reduced their charges to £10 an hour to take account of the lack of travelling expenses.

9. PLANNING

a. Rookery Farm - Permission has been granted for the Barn Conversion.

b. Land at North View – This application has now gone to Appeal.

Although our comments on the application will be considered in the appeal, the previous comments on the application which was withdrawn will not. Councillors felt we should write and reiterate our views.

This should include our concern over the access onto Fressingfield Road and the height of the garage. The Clerk will send these comments to the Appeal Dept. in Bristol.

c. Application no. 3816/12 The Perch – A revised application for changes to some windows was discussed and approved.

d. Rubbish is again being dumped on the land on Harleston road where trees have been felled despite warnings from the planning enforcement team. Mrs Curran will inform the enforcement department for us.

10. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Mr Twiss has reported to the Clerk that there is a split in the roofing felt on the bus shelter by the Church. He has volunteered to mend this as he has some rubber solution suitable for the repair.

Councillors accepted his offer.

Mrs Hatchman said that mud is on the road outside Captains Farm. This is obscuring the 30mph roundel. The Clerk said she would talk to the builders and ask them to keep the road clear of mud as much as possible.

11. CORRESPONDENCE – Most was circulated among Councillors.

1. Rev Susan Loxton is being inducted into the new Benefice of Fressingfield, Metfield, Stradbroke, Weybread and Withersdale on 12th March. Councillors are invited to attend.
2. The Clerk has a list of staffing proposals for Mid Suffolk and Babergh.
3. There is a guide to Fixed term Tenancy for Mid Suffolk.
4. Suffolk Coastal – Local Development Framework modifications.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING-

Monday 8th April 2013 – Annual Parish Meeting.

Monday 13th May 2013 AGM

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH 2013 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT – Mr P. Mortimer, Chairman, Mr P. Schwier, Mr G. Elliott, Mrs S. Glaysher, Mr R. Williams, Mr T. Godbold.

4 members of the public

APOLOGIES-Mrs S. Hatchman.

DECLARATIONS- Mr P. Schwier, item 3

1. APPLICATION NOS. 0464/13, 0465/13 – FIELD COTTAGE. To erect a 1 ½ storey extension including a single storey glazed link building

The applicant, Mr Annison, introduced the application by outlining the reasons for the design. The extension does not alter the listed part of the building. The extension will provide much needed extra space and an upstairs bathroom. The glazed link will show the divide between the old and new parts of the house. The front of the building will be unchanged.

Councillors then looked at the plans and elevations and had no objections.

The council approved the application.

2. APPLICATION NOS. 0388/13, 0389/13. – HATTENS FARM. Erection of 2 poly tunnels.

Mr Krutysza told the meeting that these poly tunnels will replace an existing tunnel which has reached the end of its life. The new tunnels will be sited at the rear of the property in a position furthest from neighbours and will be screened from neighbouring houses and the road. Further hedging will be planted. The tunnels are needed to aid propagation and the growing of young plants and to work under cover in the winter.

(Mrs B. Vidion joined the meeting)

The Chairman said that he felt small businesses should be encouraged and therefore this application should be approved. He agreed with applicant that the tunnels would not be seen from the road and that the planting will provide any screening needed. Councillors all agreed.

The Council approved the application.

3. APPLICATION NO. 0568/13 – DOCKING HALL. Installation of 216 ground mounted photovoltaic panels.

Mr Schwier introduced this application by saying that after the application for a wind turbine was opposed, other means of generating electricity were needed to offset the high bills for the farm. The proposed solar panels will help in this. He said the panels would not be seen from neighbouring properties as they are ground mounted. The panels will be set nearly a metre from the ground.

Mr Schwier then left the meeting.

Councillors then looked again at the plans of the site and had no objection. The application was approved unanimously.

Mrs Vidion left the meeting.

4. APPLICATION NO.0467/13 – LAND NEAR GUILDHALL COTTAGE. Retention and Completion of 1 ½ storey detached 2 bedroom dwelling (revised scheme to that granted by permission 1805/05)

The Chairman read out a letter from Steve Jordan the new owner of the house. This outlined the work he intends to do to complete and make the property acceptable to the planning department. He intends to start work in April with work on the drive and areas that are not under this application.

Councillors are pleased that, at last, the house will be finished and with features that will fit into the conservation area, i.e. painted wooden windows, wood fascias, soffits and barge boards. Also the house will be rendered and painted cream.

Councillors approved the application.
The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2013 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT – Mr P. Mortimer, Chairman, Mr P. Schwier, Mr G. McEvoy, Mrs S. Glaysher.

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES – Mrs B. Vidion, Mrs S. Hatchman, Mr R. Williams, Mr T. Godbold, Mr G. Elliott.

DECLARATIONS – None

1. APPLICATION NO. 0867/13 –MILL VILLA. Demolition of existing barn. Erection of two storey extensions and alterations to existing dwelling.

Mr Edwards was invited to introduce his application. He showed Councillors the plans and explained which part would be demolished and then rebuilt. He said that the new part would be clad in black weatherboarding and so distinguish it from the original house. The existing joining corridor would be demolished and the new part would be joined with a two storey connecting building.

Councillors looked at the plans and were happy with the proposals as the extension was in keeping and would match the cart lodge now under construction. They are pleased that the house will be repainted in pink as it is now.

The application was approved.

The Chairman asked Me Edwards about the line of the footpath which runs through his property as it appears form the layout diagram that it could be obstructed.

Mr Edwards said that he had checked with the authority about this and the route used previously was not correct. The correct line will be maintained and kept open.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council will consult with the footpath warden over this.

2. APPLICATION NO. 0811/13 – HILL FARM – Erection of cart Lodge. Improvements to front and rear verandahs.

Mr Godbold showed Councillors the plans and said the Cart lodge was needed for his vehicles and equipment. He has added doors for security. It will be built with a small brick wall and black cladding. He said that the verandahs already have tiled roofs and the plans are to fill in the sides with a small brick wall and glass above.

Mr Godbold said that the Cart Lodge was set back in the plot to be in line with the rear of the house so as to separate it from the listed part of the house.

Again Councillors looked at the plans and had no objections.

The application was approved.

3. DECISIONS

The Clerk announced the following decisions on recent planning applications.

3816/12 – The Perch – Granted

0388/13, 039/13 – Hattens Farm Nurseries – Granted

0464/13. 0465/13 – Field Cottage – Granted

0568/13 – Docking hall – Granted

Duke William – Holiday Lets extension – Refused

Land Opposite Crooked Cottage- Stables and poly tunnel – Refused

The meeting ended at 7. 35pm