

FORNHAM ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an additional Fornham All Saints Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2017 at 6.00pm in Fornham All Saints Village Hall.

Members Present:

Howard Quayle

Paul Purnell

Elizabeth Hodder

Livvy Dawson

With Mrs Victoria Waples (Clerk) in attendance.

1240. OPENING STATEMENT – a statement was read out indicating, that in accordance with changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting.
A full transcript of the statement is available from the Clerk upon request.
1241. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –
- i. Apologies of absence were received from Cllrs. Clark Ward, Gathercole and Grimshaw due to personal commitments.
 - ii. The meeting agreed to accept these apologies, aif.
1242. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST
- i. There were none declared.
 - ii. There were no disclosures of gifts of hospitality exceeding £25.
 - iii. There were no requests for dispensations with regards to the Agenda under discussion.
1243. MINUTES – approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of 19th September 2017 - it was agreed that these would be considered for approval at the full Parish Council Meeting scheduled for 21st November 2017.
1244. PUBLIC FORUM – to receive comments from the public on matters under to be discussed under PLANNING MATTERS – there were none present.
1245. PLANNING MATTERS
1. DC/17/1938/FUL - Planning Application – i) conversion of existing barn to dwelling and ii) car port (following demolition of existing portacabin dwelling) @ Barn, Pigeon Lane, Fornham All Saints.
A brief history relating to this site was provided by the Chairman which included the understanding that the agents had followed / were following the procedure for dealing with the conversion of barns in a rural setting – noted that this was why the first application had been refused. The meeting was reminded that permission submitted for site as builder's yard had been refused due to Highway issues. This was then submitted for appeal and this is still pending. This is the 3rd attempt to convert the dwellings that are located on site with this one being to one house and a carport.
The meeting agreed that in looking at the issue of barn conversions in the countryside was this a barn in the spirit of the law as intended. Dimensions of the dwelling will follow the footprint of the current Barn. No alterations to shape of barn – closing up open sliding doors and installing doors and windows. Need to look at this application as is and not based on possible future use of the site. Noted that the applicant has installed a deep water pond next to the site. Once built it will be a house and will have the same impact as any other sized dwelling. Issue of the road – will it be left as is or will it be made up to reflect the rest of the road up to the new dwelling? Could PC request that Highways be consulted on this matter? Agreement that the PC supports long standing principal of the non-breaching of the

settlement boundary but would be minded to support this application on the basis of it being a barn conversion in the countryside, aif. It is noted that the current roof tiles could well be asbestos roof tiles and care should be exercised in handling such material.

It was question as to how this sat with the other application for the creation of an access off Mildenhall Road into All Saints Golf and Country Club @ Suffolk Golf and Spa Hotel, The Street, Fornham St Genevieve. The Chairman drew the meeting's attention to a letter dated 19th September 2017 from Lionel Thurlow Architects in which it was stated that the reasoning behind the application was to allow access to the the farthest areas of the golf course that cannot be accessed from the main road. i.e. to basically install a farm gate to allow vehicles in to that part of the golf course as opposed to have such machinery using Pigeon Lane.

2. DC/17/1926/TCA - Trees in a Conservation Area Notification – 1 No Mulberry reduce length of south main limb by 40% and overall crown reduction by 40% @ Twitchetts End, Hengrave Road, Fornham All Saints.
Supported as part of tree maintenance, aif.
3. DC/17.1935/TCA - Trees in a Conservation Area Notification – 1 No Willow – pollard to a height of 7 metres @ Owlsden, The Green, Fornham All Saints.
Supported as part of tree maintenance, aif.
4. WSOH – issue as to why Parish Council has not been consulted re DC/17/0521/FUL and letter dated 5th October 2017 for a matter to be reconsidered at next Planning Committee Meeting on 2nd November. Papers to be released on 26th or 25th October and possibly to go back to the next Development Committee – Andrew Smith raised the issue re settlement of boundaries.

1246. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Parish Council Meeting on 21st November commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.30pm.