

MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2015 IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL AT 8.30 PM

The start of this meeting was delayed until 9.10pm due to the Annual Parish Meeting over running.

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, John Maltby, Yvonne Martin, Giles Hollingworth, Veronica Partridge, 8 members of the public and the Clerk – Sarah Partridge.

49/15 APOLOGIES - None

Councillor Ian Fidell was absent.

50/15 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

51/15 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received

52/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2015 were confirmed, signed and dated as being correct.

53/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

B/14/01633/FHA and B/14/01634/LBC Manor Farm, Williams Green - Listed building consent and full permission for erection of single storey rear extension. Creation of inverted dormer and french doors to east elevation and new window to west elevation. Erection of two bay cart lodge, garage and store to adjoin existing cart lodge. Conversion of existing cart lodge to form annex. (Revised scheme to that approved under B/12/01307/FHA/ETR, B/12/01308/LBC/ETR and B/13/00499). Babergh has granted planning permission and Listed Building Consent for this development.

B/15/00156/AGDW Agricultural building adjacent Red House Farm, Wickerstreet Green – Notification under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment and Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 – Prior approval under MB (a) only for change of use from agricultural building to 1 dwelling. The application has been withdrawn and will not now be determined by Babergh.

B/15/00201/FUL 2 Row Cottages, Priory Hill – conversion of existing two storey outbuilding to form a single dwelling (following demolition of single storey lean to structure). Since the Parish Council meeting on 9 March 2015 there have been some concerns raised that neighbours/interested parties were unaware the Parish Council was going to consider the above application and therefore did not attend the Parish Council meeting and make comments for Councillors to take into account when making their decision. Neighbours still had the opportunity to make their comments directly to Babergh, as they were advised by the Clerk. The Parish Council has received copies of a couple of letters/emails sent to Babergh objecting to the development. The Parish Council raised a query with Babergh as to their policy on when site notices are posted and when neighbours and consultees are notified of planning applications. The planning officer for this application said that the situation regarding the consultation timings for this application is not uncommon. The process regarding public consultation is that after the application has been registered letters are sent to consultees. Then as soon as possible, subject to when a planning officer is available, they will visit the site to erect the site notice, at this stage the 21 day consultation period starts. There will be occasions when consulting neighbours and erecting the site notice does not tie in with when a Parish Council discusses an applications at their meeting. It is unfortunate that Babergh did not post the site notices or consult neighbours before the Parish Council meeting, however the Parish Council acted correctly in terms of the process of considering this planning application. Councillors discussed how the Parish Council considers planning applications. When making their decisions Councillors take into account material planning considerations not just personal opinions. It was suggested that the Parish Council could consider holding more site visits to help Councillors gain a good understanding of the planning

proposals before making decisions at meetings. Councillors felt it was important to hear the views of members of the public when considering planning applications as their local knowledge was valuable. The Parish Council are keen for the public to attend and participate in Council meetings. The Parish Council could consider holding back applications so they are considered after site notices have been erected.

B/15/00220/ROC Kersey Mill, Hadleigh Road - Application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) to vary condition 6 attached to PP B/07/00328/FUL – To extend the hours of operation from 0700hrs - 2300hrs to 0700hrs – 0030hrs. Councillors discussed this application; there was no knowledge of any complaints relating to noise disturbances from Kersey Mill and felt the extension was reasonable considering Kersey Mill's location and the function rooms. The Parish Council agreed to fully support the extended hours.

54/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The idea of erecting a convex mirror opposite the end of Church Walk to help with visibility will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for 'Parish Time'

A few points were raised about the process of considering planning applications by the Parish Council. It was commented that noise disturbances all depend on wind direction but parishioners present had never been disturbed by noise from Kersey Mill.

The meeting was reconvened.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

There are no additional sheets appended to these minutes.