

MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018 IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, Yvonne Martin, Giles Hollingworth, Kevin Pratt, 6 members of the public and the Clerk – Sarah Partridge

76/18 APOLOGIES – were received and accepted from Andrew Rogers, Veronica Partridge and Iqbal Alam.

77/18 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

Following some recent queries regarding the declarations of interests at meetings the Chair reminded Councillors that there is clear advice on this matter. Interests may be actual or perceived interests where it might be seen to be an interest by members of the public. It is important that Councillors declare an interest and leave the meeting so that the decisions of the Parish Council can be trusted as reliable, objective, honest and open. The Clerk will issue detailed advice to all Councillors.

78/18 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received.

79/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2018 were signed and dated as being correct.

80/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Progress

DC/18/01595 Barn Adjacent Red House Farm, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, IP7 6EY

Proposal: Change of use of land to residential curtilage and the erection of a detached two bay cart lodge. Babergh granted permission on 8 June 2018.

b) to consider planning applications received

DC/18/02500 Green Acres, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EY

Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Erection of new front boundary wall and entrance gates. Councillors looked at the documentation. It was noted that highways had responded with a number of conditions all relating to highway safety. Members of the public present were invited to comment. It was commented that the gates and brick piers seemed very high and out of proportion to the property. Councillors then considered the application. It was agreed the Parish Council did not support the application. The scale, size and design of the proposal were not in keeping with the local vernacular. Wickerstreet Green is a small rural hamlet where most of the property boundaries are hedging or open timber fencing. The proposed brick and wrought iron structure would create a negative impact on the landscape setting. The Parish Council also has concerns about the impact the proposed structures would have on highway visibility and safety. The proposals may not comply with the conditions set out in the highways response.

DC/18/02565 1 Row Cottages, Priory Hill, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DX

Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Erection of two storey rear extension; Conversion of barn to store with first floor annexe with external staircase and other external alterations; Conversion of existing open store to domestic garage with associated alterations to adjacent stores. The Chair invited the applicant to give a brief outline of the proposals. The applicant said that they wished to extend the back of their house to make the kitchen bigger and add a small boot room so the back door did not open directly onto the kitchen, which makes it very cold in the winter. The bathroom will be moved upstairs. The existing cart lodge at the side of the property will be altered and will have a pitched roof so that it can fit a vehicle. The single storey outbuildings behind would be restored. They propose to make the upstairs of the barn at the back of the property a small annex for their own use. Below would be a small hobby workshop and stores. There would be a set of timber stairs on the outside of the barn to make best use of the available space. The materials would be as existing

using red brick and slate. Members of the public were invited to comment. Councillors looked at the documentation and considered the application. The property is not listed and the proposals would not overlook neighbouring properties. There had been an earlier application for this site by the previous owners but it had been withdrawn. The Parish Council agreed to fully support the proposal as it was a well thought out proposal making good use of existing buildings which will be restored. It is a nice design using appropriate materials, it will have a minimal impact and is in keeping with the setting.

81/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Rights of Way officer is still due to visit Kersey to inspect the footpath near the allotments to see if steps are needed.

James Cartlidge the local MP is holding a public surgery on 14 November from 4-6pm in the village hall.

The Church has asked if the Parish Council has any plans to celebrate 100 years since the end of the first world war. Kevin Pratt confirmed that he is working with the school to organise a project to commemorate this anniversary. The school is delighted that the village would like them to be involved. They plan to create biographies for the two war graves in Kersey and they will be carrying out some research, possibly with the help of the British Legion in Hadleigh. They also plan to hold an event in the village hall on Thursday 8 November after laying a wreath in the church. They plan to showcase their work and invite local residents to tea where they will serve sandwiches and cakes. It is hoped to also involve children in a service on Remembrance Sunday. It was commented that as well as the two war graves in Kersey there were 17 people from Kersey killed in WW1.

A Councillor raised a concern from a resident about the scruffy weeds growing up outside cottages in The Street. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the landowner and ask if the area could be tidied up.

The Chair reminded Councillors that when making a decision as a Parish Council it is a corporate decision and Councillors should respect this. Councillors may not respond to consultations as a Parish Councillor. Councillors may respond as private individuals but should not refer to their role as a Councillor. It is important that Councillors maintain the corporate decisions of the Parish Council otherwise they may bring the Council into disrepute.

82/18 PARISH TIME

It was asked whether the land in front of the bench outside the Church lych gate could be tidied up as it was blocking the view down to the village and was very scruffy. The landowner will be asked about this.

Comments were made about various potholes around the Parish. It was commented that the Parish Council no longer has any direct contacts with highways so residents are encouraged to report potholes directly to the County Council via their website. The Parish Council is not happy with the quality of work on the highways but there seems little that can be done.

The Chair congratulated and thanked the organisers of the open gardens and those that opened their gardens. It was a marvellous day with stunning gardens to visit. At least £2,373.00 will be allocated to St Mary's Church for repairs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27pm.

There are no sheets appended to these minutes.