

**MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14 OCTOBER 2019
IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, Penny Calnan, Dave Finch, Pascoe Gibbons, Philippa Harris Andrew Rogers, 3 members of the public and the Clerk – Sarah Partridge

The Chair thanked all those who organised the flower festival at the weekend. It was a magnificent event.

155/19 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted from Kevin Pratt.

156/19 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

157/19 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received.

158/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019 were signed and dated as being correct.

15919 PARISH TIME - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARISHIONERS TO BRING MATTERS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL – None.

160/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Progress:

DC/19/03253 2 Ancient Houses, The Street, Kersey, Ipswich IP7 6EA

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of oak framed window inside of existing mullioned window.

Babergh granted Listed Building Consent on 10 September 2019.

Original application number **DC/19/01295** Appeal Reference: APP/D3505/W/19/3231103

Linton House, The Street, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of 1no. single storey two bed dwelling, improvements to vehicular access and alterations to frontage wall following demolition of existing structures in association with Listed Building Consent DC/18/05586

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Babergh District Council to refuse permission. The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations.

The Parish Council did not submit any additional information to the appeal inspector.

b) To consider planning applications received:

DC/19/04443 Holtons, Uplands, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6ER

Proposal: Planning Application - Change of use and conversion of agricultural barns to 1no. dwelling.

DC/19/04446 Holtons, Uplands, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6ER

Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of 1no. dwelling and cartlodge (following demolition of existing dwelling).

The applicant for both applications was present and outlined the history of the site which had been in her family for many years as a family home and small holding. The house has deteriorated over the last 10 years due to the ill health of her parents. The proposal is to separate the plot back into two and to convert the existing brick barn and piggery buildings into a dwelling. The piggery was a separate dwelling in the 1960's. The existing house is a single skin brick house, originally a maltings for the mill and is only one room wide with low ceilings and steep stairs. The bedrooms are partly in the roof space. It is proposed to demolish this existing house and erect an attractive modern home, in

keeping with surrounding properties suitable for modern living which is environmentally friendly and sustainable.

The Council considered each application in turn.

DC/19/04443 Holtons, Uplands, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6ER

Proposal: Planning Application - Change of use and conversion of agricultural barns to 1no. dwelling.

It was agreed the existing outbuildings and barn are not attractive in their current state. The proposals are in keeping with the surroundings and will bring the buildings back into use, providing an additional dwelling in the parish. It was unanimously agreed to fully support this application.

DC/19/04446 Holtons, Uplands, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6ER

Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of 1no. dwelling and cartlodge (following demolition of existing dwelling).

Some Councillors had concerns about demolishing an old building. However, it is not a listed building. It was agreed that the existing dwelling was not really suitable for modern living and the proposal would be able to have better green credentials and be more sustainable. The proposal was for a taller house but the proposals look attractive and are in keeping with other properties in the area. The increased height would not overlook neighbouring properties. It was agreed to support this application by a majority decision (5:1).

161/19 TO DISCUSS PROGRESS ON CREATING A PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN (PIIP) AND SUBMITTING A CIL FUNDING APPLICATION

A consultation leaflet was delivered to every house in the Parish. There had been very few responses to this public consultation. The comments have not been fully analysed yet but the main infrastructure items suggested are a tennis court at The Glebe; improved playground facilities at The Glebe, including something for disabled children; improved facilities at the village hall; undergrounding of overhead services in the Conservation Area; and a car park.

KCPC had met in September and agreed that replacement equipment is very expensive and they will explore the possibility of safe and compliant repair. A new volunteer has joined KCPC. A maintenance day is scheduled for 27 October at 11am. The quiz night to raise funds for maintenance at the playground is on Friday 1 November. More entries welcomed.

KCPC will continue to investigate the best options for improvements at the playground and will be consulting the school. They will consider the idea of installing something like a basket swing which would be suitable for disabled children. The school has many children from outside the parish which it was felt would help support a CIL funding application. It was agreed we are not ready to apply for CIL funding in October so it was agreed to work towards applying in May 2020.

It was aimed to have made progress on exploring repair options and costs and consulting the school by the end of November.

It was suggested the Village Hall committee should also agree what they would like in the way of village hall improvements and get quotes for each project so they are in a position to apply for CIL funding in May 2020.

Andrew will collate all the responses to the public consultation into a document and circulate to all Councillors by the beginning of November.

The PIIP will need to be updated to include the results of the consultation and identified infrastructure projects to take forward.

162/19 TO CONSIDER WHETHER KERSEY SHOULD CARRY OUT A HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

A housing needs survey would provide real evidence of any need for additional housing in Kersey in the next few years. Previously, the Parish Council has been put off carrying out a survey because the results would only be valid for five years and it is expensive to carry out. However, there is now grant funding available to cover the survey costs. It was agreed that Philippa and Penny will research the options for carrying out a housing needs survey, the costs and grant funding and report back to the next meeting.

163/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO BRING MATTERS TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION

The Chair thanked fellow Councillors for providing him with feedback for the Clerk's appraisal. He had met with the Clerk today to carry out her appraisal and will give his report to the next meeting. A Councillor commented that they had received surprised comments from residents of a neighbouring parish that Kersey is not going to do a Neighbourhood Plan at the present time. The road from Wickerstreet Green to Boxford will be closed during the day on 21 and 22 October.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

There are no items appended to these minutes.