

**MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020
IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Natalie and Adrian Blyth for their work on the Kersey Christmas tree. Condolences were expressed to John Maltby, a long standing Parish Councillor and Chair, on the loss of his wife, Anne. Anne was the author of "Kersey in Living Memory".

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, Penny Calnan, Dave Finch, Pascoe Gibbons, Philippa Harris and 1 member of the public.

1/20 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted from Kevin Pratt and Andrew Rogers.

2/20 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

3/20 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received.

4/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2019 were signed and dated as being correct.

5/20 PARISH TIME - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARISHIONERS TO BRING MATTERS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL – None.

6/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Progress: As mentioned in the minutes of the meeting on 16 December 2019 the applications for Holtons, Uplands (DC/19/04443 and DC/19/04446) have been granted permission by Babergh.

b) To consider planning applications received:

DC/19/05380 Red House Farm, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EY

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of use of land to increase in residential curtilage and the erection of a detached two bay cart lodge as well as additional rooflights to previously approved dwelling.

The applicant had been invited through the agent but did not attend and was not represented. The Chair drew attention to the application and associated correspondence.

A member of the public spoke against the proposal, citing the harm to wildlife, particularly dormice and bats. He said that the protected area had been reduced by one third and the application watered down the protection provided in a previous application. He added that there was no mention of trees or protected species in this application and there was no design statement for the proposed cart lodge. Councillors then considered the application. It was noted that the address in the application is incorrect and no mention of the hedges and trees that would be affected by the proposal. One hedge was omitted from the drawings. There was concern at the increased curtilage into wood and farmland. Councillors then discussed the answers to some of the questions in the application which were incorrect, including Questions 6, 10, 12, 16 and 17. Councillors queried why parking spaces were needed for 7 vehicles. Councillors felt the lit walkway and the larger roof lights on the main building were detrimental. Councillors agreed with the objections made by Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk County Council Highways. Councillors were also unclear about the ownership of the site as set out in Question 25 of the application. After discussion, it was agreed unanimously not to support the application.

7/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO BRING MATTERS TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION

A Councillor requested that the Wickerstreet Green HGV problem and the report on the Housing Needs Survey should be on the next agenda.

A Councillor had received complaints from residents about being woken in the night by gunshot noises. The Chair will ask landowners to check if their timed bird scarers are working in the night.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

There are no items appended to these minutes.