

Minutes of Kersey Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on Monday 27 June 2022 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: John Hume (Chair), Penny Calnan, Esme Chapman and Andrew Rogers

In attendance: Sarah Partridge (Clerk)

82/22 Apologies – None

83/22 Co-option to fill the vacancies for two Parish Councillors

There are three vacancies on the Parish Council. Two vacancies can now be filled by co-option. The third vacancy is currently being advertised. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Chair or Clerk. It was agreed all Councillors would talk to local residents to try to recruit new members.

84/22 Accept Members' Declarations of Interest

John Hume declared a Non-Registerable Interest (NRI) in the planning applications for Green Gables, DC/22/02522 and DC/22/02523 as he is a near neighbour.

85/22 Consider any Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests received from Councillors – None received

86/22 Public forum and reports

a. Parish Time – Parishioners' opportunity to raise matters and ask questions – none

87/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022 were confirmed as being correct and signed.

There was a discussion about how to make Parish Council meetings more time efficient. A Councillor was concerned that the length of meetings was putting off potential new Councillors. One option would be to have monthly meetings. However, some Councillors felt this was not a problem and they would rather have longer meetings but less often. (Note: in the last 12 months the longest meeting was 2 hours, the average time for ordinary Parish Council meetings is 1 hour 45 minutes and extraordinary meetings is 30 minutes.) The Clerk suggested that the items discussed at Parish Council meetings were important because the Parish Council must be transparent and open for members of the public to understand the decisions made. It is also important for matters to be heard and debated at meetings in order for the Council to make corporate decisions.

88/22 Planning applications

a) Progress

DC/22/01740 Cosford Bridge House, Ivy Tree Lane, Hadleigh, Suffolk IP7 6DR

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Conversion of alterations to existing outbuilding to form holiday let. This application was refused by Babergh on 31 May 2022.

DC/22/01893 Bridge House, The Street, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DY

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of shed (following demolition of existing).

Babergh granted permission on 27 May 2022

b) Planning applications to consider

John Hume declared an interest and left the meeting room.

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DC/22/02522 Green Gables, The Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EB

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of chicken shed and run (retention of).

DC/22/02523 Green Gables, The Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EB

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of chicken shed and run

The applicant was not present. After discussion the Council unanimously resolved it had no objections to the applications in relation to the impact on the Conservation Area or the Listed Buildings near the chicken shed and run. However, the Parish Council would like to suggest that vermin control is important to reduce the impact on neighbours. Also, a colour to blend in with the natural landscape would be more appropriate.

John Hume re-joined the meeting.

89/22 To consider the purchase of a new mower for the KCPC Working Group

The KCPC mower used to mow the playground area is quite old and has been repeatedly repaired, it now needs to be replaced. The Parish Council approved the use of the £400 already in the budget for mower repairs and service to also be used for the purchase of a new mower.

90/22 To consider a response to the Babergh UK Shared Prosperity Fund Engagement

This important survey for all stakeholders in Babergh had been circulated to all Councillors. Babergh has just over £1,000,000 from the government to invest over three years in initiatives that will support communities and place; local business; people and skills. The purpose of this survey is to ask local stakeholders and partners their views on what the local challenges are and what the priorities should be when deciding the projects and initiatives that could best address these themes in Babergh. It was felt this could not be debated and completed at the meeting. It was delegated to the Chair and Esme to discuss and provide a response for the Clerk to submit.

91/22 Reports from other meetings

Police and Parish Forum on 15 June and SALC Babergh Area Forum on 9 June. The Chair had not attended either of these meetings. The notes from the meetings will be circulated to Councillors once they are published.

92/22 Any other business – Councillors’ opportunity to bring matters to the Council’s attention

A Councillor had been asked by a resident about a development concern at Wickerstreet Green. The Parish Council is not the planning authority so it was suggested the resident be advised to contact the Babergh planning department who are the planning authority.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 4 July 2022 at 7.30pm in Kersey Village Hall.

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

There are no pages appended to these minutes.

Signed

Date