

POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2007 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall Polstead.

Present: Mr Nick Brandt (in the Chair), Mr Michael Hackford (Vice-Chair), Mr Richard Kilshaw, Mrs Anne Macwilson, & Mrs Trish Ravensdale.

In attendance: Mrs Sandra Gray (Clerk)

1) Apologies for Absence: John Baxter Mandy Flather

2) Declarations of Interests: There were none

3) Planning Matters

- 1. Application NO: B/07/01845/FUL/GD Part OS 39287 land north of Shelley Road, Polstead Colchester. Temporary use (3 years) of land for the stationing of a caravan to house an agricultural worker.**

After much discussion and careful consideration the Council strongly objected to the above application and the comments on Appendix One were sent to Babergh.

4) Any Urgent Planning Matters:

- 1. Application No: B/07/01893/FUL/MB Darcy Cottage Rockalls Road, Polstead, Colchester, CO6 5AR. Erection of single storey rear extension to existing dwelling. Change of use from 1 (no.) dwelling to form 2 (no.) dwellings.**

In order to clarify the position of windows on the above application the Councillors visited the site. After careful consideration and much discussion the Council note that the new window on the first floor at the west end of the south elevation (study) appears to overlook its neighbours opposite and does not conform to Policy HS17 of the Babergh Local Plan No 2. The Council also note that there will certainly be an increase in the number of motor cars associated with these properties without any increase in parking space. Therefore these constitute serious reservations which amount to an objection.

5) Water Storage at Allotments

Councillor Richard Kilshaw explained to the Council that there was the possibility of a grant towards underground water storage at the allotments. The Council agreed, nominated by Nick Brandt seconded by Trish Ravensdale that Richard Kilshaw reports to the Council when he has investigated further the feasibility of the project and grant.

6) Chairman & Clerk Reports & Correspondence

The Clerk reported to the Council the following correspondence had been received:
Babergh Media Release New DVD tackles Domestic violence

Last Chance for Community Awards

Baberghs Stance on Roadside Clutter

Babergh Matters Plastic Wrapper bio degrades

Sporting Clubs get active

Planning Decision Appeal backs Babergh
Party goers advised to get Taxi home
Help given to residents who suffer anti-social behaviour
Sudbury Tourist Information named one of top ten in the
country
Suffolk Preservation Society Design Guide draft
Supplementary Planning Guidance

Boxford Parish Council had received a request from a resident of White Street Green for a dog bin to be installed at the entrance to the Public Footpath adjoining the Shanine property. Boxford Parish Council is sympathetic to this request and in view of the close proximity to the Parish boundaries requested that Polstead contribute 50% towards the installation. The Council agreed to this request once the Clerk had confirmed that Boxford Parish Council would pay for the emptying of the bin.

7) Date of next meeting 17th January 2008

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.25.