

POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 15th December 2016 in Polstead Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Amanda Flather (Chairman), James Oxford, Peter Patrick, Matt Peck, Andrew Wade and Sue Wigglesworth.

Attending: John Ward (Babergh District Councillor), Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 29 members of public.

16/203 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs MacWillson and Peck (commitments) sent their apologies.

16/204 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

16/205 Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November 2016

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16/206 Reports and Questions from Parishioners

All of the members of public present raised their concerns over the proposal for building a barn on land to the east of White Street Green.

16/207 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/01542 Land north of Wood View, Stackwood Road** - Erection of detached dwelling with double cartlodge and construction of new vehicular access and resolved to object to the planning application on the following grounds:
 - i. The proposal did not meet the exceptional need criteria of policy CS2 for building in the countryside
 - ii. The proposal did not meet the criteria established in policy CS11 as it does not have a close functional relationship to the existing development and lacks the availability of services and facilities.
- b. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/01613 Land to the east of, White Street Green** - Notification under Part 6 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - Erection of agricultural storage building and resolved to object to the application as presented being allowed to proceed. In particular, the councillors were concerned with the:
 - i. height and location of the barn in the field
 - ii. materials being proposed for both the barn and the road not being sympathetic to the setting and adjoining properties
 - iii. narrowness of the road linking the field to Calais Street and Polstead Green
 - iv. lack of information on the proposed number of vehicle movements expected to and from the field on an annual basis
 - v. lack of screening for the barn.

With all 29 residents present expressing their concerns over the application and the future use of the barn, the councillors would ask that the LPA ensures that any development is only allowed to proceed once the issues above are resolved. Should the LPA be minded to allow the barn to be built, the councillors asked for a condition to any permission that the barn be demolished once the use, i.e. storage ancillary to the working of the agricultural holding as defined in the application, ceases.

- c. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.

16/208 Questions to the Chair

The councillors wished to record their appreciation of Cllr Peck organising the Christmas Tree.

Signed Date.....

Polstead Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 21st May 2015

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16/209 Next meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 19th January 2017 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.