

POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 20th December 2018 in Polstead Village Hall at 6pm

Present: Cllrs Anne MacWillson (Chairman), Amanda Flather, James Oxford, Andrew Wade, Susie Weston and Sue Wigglesworth.

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

18/186 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Peck (work) sent his apologies.

18/187 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

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

18/188 Minutes of Meeting held on 15th November 2018

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

18/189 Reports and Question from Councillors

The councillors were disturbed by the cutting down of an ash tree in Stackwood Road but acknowledged that it was not covered by a TPO.

18/190 Reports and Questions from Parishioners

A number of residents raised their concerns over the potential move of a footpath as part of the planning application in Item 18/191b. The Clerk updated residents that any move of the footpath would be consulted upon separately by Babergh with both PPC and residents.

18/191 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application DC/18/05224 19 Heath Close, Polstead Heath** - Erection of rear extension, front canopy and conversion of garage to living space and whilst concerned by the loss of the garage as a parking place, and the extra requirement this would place on street parking, the councillors resolved to support the application.
- b. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application DC/18/04925 Spring Hill, Shelley Road** - Conversion of storage barn to 1no. dwelling including associated cart lodge, footpath diversion and creation of vehicular access and resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:
 - i. As the proposed dwelling was outside the BUAB it did not conform to Babergh's Policies CS2 and CS15 as being in the countryside it did not meet any exceptional circumstances for development
 - ii. Being in the AONB the negative impact that the proposed highway access and driveway had upon the landscape of the area.
- c. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application DC/18/05394 Rushbeck, White Street Green** - Erection of single storey rear extension and exterior cladding and resolved to support the application.
- d. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted that required to be reviewed before the next scheduled meeting.

18/192 Christmas Event

All the plans for the Christmas Carols event this coming Sunday were now finalised.

18/193 Next meeting

The next PPC meeting will be held on Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm.

Signed Date.....

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

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