

POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th October 2007 in the Village Hall Polstead.

Present: Mr Nick Brandt (in the Chair), Mr Michael Hackford (Vice-Chair), Mrs Mandy Flather, Mr Richard Kilshaw (after 2015), Mrs Anne Macwilson, & Mrs Trish Ravensdale.

In attendance: Mr David Yorke-Edwards (County Councillor), Mrs Sue Wigglesworth (District Councillor), Mrs Sandra Gray (Clerk) one member of the Public.

1) Apologies for Absence: Mr John Baxter, Melissa Gaylean (Suffolk Constabulary). The Councillors consented to the absences.

2) Declarations of Interests: There were none

3) Minutes of the meeting of 20th September 2007:

The Minutes of the 20th September 2007 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4) Matters Arising: There were none

5) Reports:

a. County Councillor:

David Yorke – Edwards reported to the Council that the main issue to be discussed at the County Council meeting would be an incinerator in Suffolk. The main reason for an incinerator was that due to progression use will be made from the energy of burning rubbish.

b) District Councillor:

Sue Wigglesworth reported to the Council that constitutional issues were being discussed at Babergh.

c) Suffolk Constabulary

In the absence of Melissa, the Clerk reported to the Council, that Melissa had returned to work full time following her accident and was now in receipt of a bike and hoped to be meeting residents soon.

The problem of Halloween on the 31st October was raised. Two years ago the Village Hall was sprayed with bar-be –que sauce. Sue Wigglesworth reported that last year the Police handed out leaflets advising children to give consideration to residents with trick or treating. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Melissa requesting a Police presence and for a supply of leaflets, if available.

6) Reports & Questions from Councillors:

Parishioners had contacted the Chairman regarding work taking place in Martens Lane. It was agreed for the Clerk to research the original planning documents in relation to the entrance of the property and the direction of the footpath.

Councillor Mandy Flather reported to the Council that the residents of White Street Green celebrated the arrival of their bench as part of the Village of the Year winnings.

The question of the acquisition of the ownership of the Green by the council at White Street Green was raised and would be investigated at a later date.

Councillor Anne Macwilson reported that parishioners were pleased at the content of the local newsletter reflecting more local/village news.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

7) Reports & Questions from Parishioners: There were none.

The Chairman reopened the meeting.

8) Planning Matters:

- a. Planning Application No B//07/01511/FHA/BHW The Hawthorns, Stackwood Road Polstead, CO6 5BA. Erection of a two storey side extension to accommodate new lift.**

The Councillors discussed the above application and agreed that the plan conformed to policies CNO1 of the Local Babergh Plan.

- b. Planning Application No. B/07/01301/FHA/FB Flemings Hall, Martens Lane Polstead CO6 5AG. Erection of single-storey side extension to form annexe accommodation.**

The Councillors discussed the above application and agreed that the plan conformed to policies CNO1 of the Local Babergh Plan

- c. Planning Application No: B/07/01424/out/cjt Land east of Brambles, Cockles Downs, Rockalls Road Polstead. Outline- Erection of residential dwelling for a Forestry Worker**

The Councillors discussed the above application and concluded that in relation to CR24 of the Babergh Local Plan “In the countryside, dwellings for key agricultural personnel will be permitted only if it can be demonstrated that there is a proven essential and immediate agricultural need for a dwelling to be built on the holding” the small amount of clearing of the wood did not justify a worker living on the premises and the land is outside the village envelope.

- d. Planning Application No: B/07/01290/FHA/CJT New House Farm Rockalls Road Polstead- Construction of 3 metre deep lake.**

The Clerk reported that the above application had been withdrawn.

- e. Planning Application No: B/07/01176/FHA/BEL The Plantation Mill Street Polstead-Erection of side conservatory.**

The Clerk reported to the Council that planning permission had been granted with conditions to the above application.

- f. Any Urgent Planning Matters:**

Planning Application: B/07/011111/FUL/GD Bower House Farm, Bower House Tye Polstead Colchester C06 5DD. The Clerk reported that planning permission had been granted with conditions for the above application.

Planning Application No: B/07/01407/FUL/GD Part OS 3928 land east of, Stoke Road Polstead. Erection of 1no.agricultural building. The Clerk reported that permission had been granted with conditions for the above application. The Chairman reported that he had attended the site meeting with Babergh Planning

Department regarding this application and expressed his frustration and concerns at the planning system.

Planning Application No: B/07/01257/FUL/CJT. Plot 2 Cedarhurst Stackwood Road Hadleigh Heath, Polstead Ipswich IP7. Erection of 1 No. Dwelling(existing dwelling to be demolished amended scheme to that approved under P.P.B/06/0118/RES). The Clerk reported that permission had been granted with conditions for the above application.

Planning Application No: B/07/01590/FUL/FB Copella Fruit Juices Ltd, Hill Farm, Brick Kiln, Polstead, Sudbury. Erectoin of extensions to existing production premises, associated new plant, landscaping and perimeter fencing (existing farm building to be demolished).

The Council agreed that due to the size and impact of the above application a site visit was essential. The Clerk would arrange a visit on Thursday 25th October 2007 at 5.00pm. The Clerk would speak to Babergh Planning Department and arrange an extension to return the Councils views in order for the above application to be fully discussed on the 15th November 2007.

9) Bus Shelter/Bus Stop

The Council agreed that in order to discuss fully the feasibility of this proposal in relation to cost, highways and planning a Sub- Committee would need to be established.

10) Polstead Website

Councillor Mandy Flather reported to the Council about the unforeseen error of the new version of the website by Richard Sandford going live before the site established by Paul Trudgett was removed. It was agreed for the Chairman and Mandy Flether to visit Paul and explain the sequence of events in person. Richard Sandford was thanked for all his work in establishing and maintaining the website.

11) Christmas on the Green

The tradition of festive refreshments on the Green in December was discussed and it was agreed by the Council for Councillors Mandy Flather Anne Macwilson and Theresa Ravensdale and report to the Council in November. The event will be held on Sunday December 23rd 2007 at 6.00pm.

12) Correspondence Received

Following the issue of the Agenda the Clerk reported to the Council the following correspondence:

The Annual meetings of Town & Parish Councils with Babergh. The Council agreed for the Chairman Nicholas Brandt to represent Polstead Parish Council on 8th November 2007.

Hadleigh North By-Election candidates named, Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places, Allotment letter from Mrs Shepherd, Bus Service Changes to Service 222 and Babergh Media Release detailing Baberghs intention to discuss proposed Post Office closures with Officials.

14) Chairman & Clerks Reports & Correspondence

It was agreed by the Council that Mr & Mrs Bell be allocated a plot on the allotments as discussed with Councillor Richard Kilshaw. The Clerk would inform Mr & Mrs Bell and would also arrange the signing of a written agreement.

As Councillor Richard Kilshaw had arrived item 6, the Council agreed to his reporting at this time. He reported that a date to visit Layham Quarry had been arranged for 31st October 2007 at 12.00pm and the visit would last two hours. The comments regarding the next proposed phase of excavation have to be received by the end of November 2007.

15) Future Agenda Items

Bus Shelter

Carols on the Green

Pond

Locality Budget

Future of the Reserve Account

Tennis Court on the Playing Field

Road Signs and Road Names

Parish Plan for Polstead

Ownership of the Green at White Street Green

16) Date of Next Meeting:

Budget Meeting 6th November 2007 19.30 in the Committee Room

15th November 2007 at 19.45

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50