

Wednesday 23rd September 2020 - ZOOM Meeting commenced at 8pm

Present: J Miller (Chair), M Clements (Vice-Chair), K Goudy, M Reeve (Phone), W Ratcliffe, K Hall-Price (Clerk), District Cllr K Welham, County Cllr A Stringer and 1 members of the public.

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the extra planning meeting 2020 meeting using the Zoom forum. Cllr Mary Reeve attended via phone using the Zoom conference facility. Cllr K Baker and Cllr J Harbidge and Cllr M Helliwell have sent their apologies and District Cllr Eburne has stated that she is attending another Parish Council meeting this evening but if she can, she will try to attend but may be late.
2. **Dispensations:**
 - a) To consider any requests for dispensations – No new requests received.
 - b) To note existing dispensations. The standing dispensation for Cllr Clements in respect of the proposed development land between Silver Street and Finningham Road and Cllr Reeve in respect of the proposed development of the Greenacres Site.
3. **To receive any declarations of personal/prejudicial interest.** No-one declared an interest in any items on tonight's agenda.

4. **Planning Applications received**

- **DC/20/03734 & DC/20/03735** – Householder planning application and Listed Building Consent - Erection of single storey extensions to south and east elevations (following demolition of south lean to structure). Replace all fenestration. Removal of concrete roof tiling and replacement with clay tiled finish (with prior installation of insulation to roof). Removal of cement render and application of insulation and lime render finish at Yew Tree Farm, Ward Green, Old Newton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4EZ. Comments on the application requested by MSDC by **24th September 2020**.

Cllrs felt strongly that the applicant is trying to restore using relevant materials, the proposals appear sympathetic to the area and existing properties on Ward Green. Cllrs felt that the proposed works do not appear to be detrimental to the property and Cllrs could not see any substantial harm to the existing asset. The proposed plans look to enhance the property and provide for modern family living. No comments from parishioners have been received. Proposed by Cllr Goudy and Seconded by Cllr Ratcliffe to approve this application with all Cllrs voting in favour. Unanimously approved at Parish Council level.

- **DC/20/03892** - Householder application - Erection of single storey front and first floor side extension. Erection of two storey rear extension to garage and alterations to roof to form annexe ancillary to principal dwelling(re-submission of DC/20/02585) at Mill House, Ward Green, Old Newton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4EZ. Comments on the application requested by MSDC by **2nd October 2020**

Following a lengthy discussion Cllrs find this application unacceptable for the following reasons:

- The proposed Garage facility is very imposing for the front of the property and will have a detrimental effect on the visual aesthetic of the property and the Green.
- The footprint of the new garage is larger than the original host building and Cllrs are concerned that this could be utilised as a separate dwelling in the future and would like to insist that a condition should be that the annex remains a link to the main property and not be allowed as a separate dwelling if the application is approved at district level.
- The proposed extension to the main building and upstairs dormer windows has the capability to overlook and therefore generates potential privacy issues and loss of light with the proximity to “Green Quarter” the neighbouring mostly single storey property.
- Cllrs felt that this application is a massive over development of this site.
- Cllrs feel strongly that it is not trying to enhance the original period property that currently has so much character and if approved will have a detrimental visual impact on the whole area and view of Ward Green. If approved this application would alter and possibly destroy the character completely of the original property, that the visual character of Ward Green should be preserved and this is not sympathetic or in-keeping with the area or the existing properties on Ward Green.

Proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Goudy to object to this application using the above points. All Cllrs unanimously in favour. Application strongly objected to at Parish Council level.

- **DC/20/03960** - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a rear linked extension at Orchard End, Ward Green, Old Newton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4EZ. Comments on the application requested by MSDC by **6th October 2020**.

Cllrs felt that the proposed cladding and frame work is out of character for the area of Ward Green. Timber cladding was felt to be more in-keeping with the area, however Cllrs are aware that the proposed extension will not be prominent or seen from the road. Cllrs also felt that the pitch of the roof appears significantly higher than the original property and would like to see the ridge height reduced in line with the original property - If the ridge height was reduced Cllrs felt that there would be even less of an impact and would look better. Cllrs would be prepared to support the application if the cladding and ridge height was amended as suggested. Proposal by Cllr Miller that we accept in principle the development of a garden room and the link of the proposed footprint but the reduced height of the ridge and timber cladding on the wall sections would be more acceptable to the Parish Council – Seconded by Cllr Goudy – All Cllrs voted unanimously in support of the application if the suggested amendments were taken into consideration.

5. Planning Application Decisions Notified

- **DC/20/02995** - Householder Planning Application - Erection of a single storey rear extension at White Cottage, Ward Green, Old Newton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4EZ. **Planning permission from MSDC has been granted**
- **DC/20/03161** - Householder Application - Erection of single storey extension at Ivydene Near Old Newton Hall, Sandford Road, Old Newton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4PL. **Planning permission from MSDC has been granted.**
- **DC/20/03685** - Non-material Amendment to Outline Permission DC/17/05761 and Reserved Matters DC/19/02613 previously varied by Section 73 DC/19/00818 to permit change to front porch, provision of home office within garage roof, adjustment to garage position and associated external layout at Land South East Of, Chapel Road, Old Newton, Suffolk. **Amendments to the above proposal have been determined to be refused by MSDC.**

6. Councillors matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.

- Poppy Wreath has been ordered by Cllr Goudy regardless as to whether a remembrance service is allowed to go ahead.
- Cllr Clements commented that extra meetings for planning seem to be on the increase but the Clerk explained that where possible planning will be discussed at full council meetings but managing the planning deadlines of 21days set by MSDC sometimes means that this cannot be helped.

7. Public Forum – Nothing raised.

8. Additional Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the October meeting

- Dog bins

9. Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 7th October 2020 at 8pm

Meeting closed at 21.12hrs