

Tuesday 23rd March 2021 - ZOOM Meeting commenced at 8pm

Present: J Miller (Chair), M Clements (Vice-Chair), K Goudy, Cllr M Helliwell, W Ratcliffe, N Hardman, K Hall-Price (Clerk), District Cllr K Welham, and 0 members of the public.

1. Welcome & Apologies: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the extra planning parish council meeting using the Zoom forum. Apologies received from Cllr R Eburne, Cllrs Harbidge, Baker and Reeve were absent.

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 – None received

4. Planning Applications received

- **DC/21/01195** | Householder Planning Application - Erection of two storey side extension and single-story rear extension (following demolition of conservatory). | 5 Church Road Old Newton Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4ED. MSDC comments required **by 23rd March 2021**.

The Chairman shared the screen for the application and displayed the plans as available from the MSDC website. Comments received from Cllrs were that although this is quite large, there are no windows that are overlooking any neighbouring properties and therefore avoids any privacy issues that could arise. The proposed plans will make a huge difference to how the house is used at present and will be a definite improvement for modern family living. Access could be challenging but is accessible for building supplies etc. Cllrs can only see how much of an improvement to this property the changes will be. No public comments have been received by the Clerk. The only issue appears to have been regarding the drainage and this appears to have been dealt with. It was proposed to accept this application by Cllr Goudy, seconded by Cllrs Ratcliffe and Helliwell simultaneously and unanimously approved by all Cllrs in attendance at the meeting. Application approved at Parish Council level.

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

- Fressingfield development that was blocked – The joint local plan isn't yet approved and the neighbourhood plan was the key document in determining the Fressingfield application. The advice given was that it could be considered on its merits and when they went to legal advice as the Neighbourhood Plan was in effect and that it was in line with the district draft plan then the neighbourhood plan took precedent. This does not have any impact on Old Newton as our neighbourhood plan is not yet fully implemented.
- S106 agreement has been signed and outline permission has been granted and the other application has been withdrawn accordingly for the Greenacres site applications. Cllr Helliwell has received comments from 2 independent people that the 64 houses has been quashed – this is not the case and the first application for 24 houses on Greenacres site is the application that has been withdrawn but the 64 remains in place.
- Falconer Avenue / Wassicks Lane – Highways issues will be an agenda item for the April meeting.

6. Public Forum - No members of the public in attendance

7. Additional Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the April meeting

- Falconer Avenue / Wassicks Lane – Highways Issues / Verge parking. Chair reported that there are at Greenacres 6 – 10 car parking spaces within the area to the rear of Greenacres. There is no real reason for parking on the grass verges at the front of Greenacres.
- Public transport – rural transport being offered funding – Clerk to ask Andrew Stringer regarding the bid being submitted for rural transport.
- Cllrs acknowledged Cllr Ratcliffe will be absent at the next meeting and offered very best wishes to him and his partner with the pending arrival of their first baby...

**Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 7th April 2021. Start at 7.30pm.
Meeting closed at 20.29 hrs**