

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 – Public Meeting commenced at 7.30pm at Old Newton Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Miller (Chair), N Hardman, M Reeve, M Clements (Vice-Chair), K Hall-Price (Clerk & RFO), District Cllr R Eburne, and 0 members of the public.

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Extra meeting of the Parish Council. Apologies received from Cllrs W Ratcliffe, M Helliwell, K Goudy, K Baker and District Cllr Welham.
2. **To receive any declarations of personal/prejudicial interest & to note dispensations**
 - a) To consider any requests for dispensations – No new requests received.
 - b) To note existing dispensations. The standing dispensation for Cllr Reeve in respect of the proposed development of the Greenacres Site.
3. **Planning Applications**
 - **DC/23/01015** | Application for Listed Building Consent - Internal and external roof repairs, replacement of rainwater goods and upgrading of flashing as detailed within Schedule of Works. | The Cottage 1 Chapel Road Old Newton Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4PP. **Deadline for comments to BMSDC 23.03.23**

Cllrs believe this is a fully comprehensive application. The proposed works will stop the cottage from falling into further major disrepair. Cllr Hardman proposed to fully support this application and Cllr Clements seconded it. All Cllrs unanimously in favour. Application approved at parish council level. Clerk to respond to MSDC.
 - **DC/23/00731** | Planning Application - Subdivision of existing B2 unit to provide additional B2 Unit for car repair business. | Applewhites Furniture Ltd Finningham Road Old Newton IP14 4EU. **Deadline for comments to BMSDC 28.03.23**

Cllrs noted that one letter of objection had been received on the planning portal regarding noise but Cllrs believe this is a retrospective application and therefore any noise is already in existence and won't be created as a result of this application. The business has clearly been operating for a while and there have been no noise complaints to date. The noise complaints would be more relevant to the furniture business which is already permitted and in existence.

Cllrs could not find any reasons or justifications for refusal of this application and Cllrs where applicable want to support our small businesses in our parish. It was proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Hardman for approval – All Cllrs were unanimously in favour. Approved at Parish Council level. Clerk to respond to MSDC.
 - **Appeal: Planning Application** – Full Planning Application – Severance of garden and erection of 1no detached dwelling (following demolition of existing garage) at Rosemary Cottage, 60 Chapel Road, Old Newton, IP14 4PP. Appeal start date 16.03.23.
4. **Planning Decisions from MSDC**
 - **DC/23/00310** - Proposal & Location of Development: Listed Building Consent - Replacement of 2No. Softwood windows with 2No. Hardwood windows in enlarged openings. Church Farm, Church Road, Old Newton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4P. BMSDC Planning Permission has been granted.
 - Discharge of Conditions Application for **DC/20/03735** - Condition 4 (Repair Works - Part Discharge) Location: Yew Tree Farm, Ward Green, Old Newton, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 4EZ. Details as specified within Photographs and Elevations West & South Showing Repairs drawing no. '396_24B' received 17th February 2023 have been considered by this Authority's Heritage Officer and Babergh District Council Endeavour House are acceptable for the west elevation area 6 only. This condition has been satisfied for area 6 on the west elevation. Further applications to discharge this condition are required for other area(s)/part(s)/elevation(s) of the development.
5. **Election Papers / Nomination Forms.**
 - Cllr Helliwell has already delivered his nomination papers to the Clerk.
 - Cllrs Ratcliffe and Reeve will not be submitting their nomination papers to stand again and will therefore be standing down after the April meeting.
 - Clerk to meet with Cllr Baker separately to collect her nomination pack.
 - Clerk is meeting at Eye Town Offices on Friday 24th March at 11.10am to submit the papers received.

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

- BT Phone Box – Community Library. Photos displayed. This has also been put onto the Old Newton Facebook page and will be raised again at the April meeting.
- Dog Bin – Finningham Road. The new post has been installed allowing this bin to be continued to be used. There were some negative comments received via the Spotted in Old Newton Facebook page regarding the old stump that hadn't been removed but our volunteer was unaware this was even there. It has now been made safe and explained to our keyboard warriors that this was not done by a paid contractor but by a resident of the parish voluntarily. Clerk has asked Jon Hines to quote to put a more permanent metal post in.
- A14 Haughley – Tothill recon scheme – Teams meeting 28/03/23 19.00hrs – 1hr. Any Cllrs interested in attending or wish the clerk to attend? Cllr Clements and Hardman will attend. Clerk to inform the teams meeting. Cllrs have the login details for this meeting.
- SALC – Cllr Clements information regarding fibre optic cables and telephones when the old landlines are being replaced whether this could potentially cause issues especially for some of our elderly residents.

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

8. Additional Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the April 2023 meeting.

- Annual Parish Meeting – 26th April 2023
- Coronation celebrations
- Risk Assessments update
- Footpaths Map update
- Phone box Library update
- Village Sign Update
- Keep Moat - Liaison meeting – Church Road Development.

9. Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 12th April 2023 – Chairman thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 26th April 2023. Clerk will also try to email as many contacts as possible for village groups that she has. It is also on the Facebook page and a reminder will be issued.

Meeting closed at 19.59hrs