

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Extra Public Meeting commenced at 7.30pm at Old Newton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr J Miller (Chair), N Hardman (Vice-Chair), M Clements, K Goudy, M Helliwell, A Tween,  
Dist Cllr J Pearson, Dist Cllr R Eburne  
K Hall-Price (Clerk & RFO) and 1 member of the public.

1. **Welcome & Apologies** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Extra planning meeting of the Parish Council. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr K Baker, Cllr Graells is missing from the meeting
2. **To receive any declarations of personal/prejudicial interest & to note any dispensations.**
  - a) To consider any requests for dispensations – No new requests received.
  - b) To note existing dispensations. There are no existing dispensations to note.

3. **Planning Applications**

- **DC/23/03491** | Full Planning Application - Change of use of agricultural land to residential amenity and erection of pool house building. | Browns Place Farm Brown Street Old Newton. *Deadline for comments 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.*

Cllrs stated that permission has been granted for the swimming pool and this is already built. The parish council supported the building of the swimming pool and the addition of the pool house will add to their amenity – It was recognised that the pool house is not new and therefore promoting sustainability. It was proposed to support by Cllr Hardman, Seconded by Cllr Tween – All Cllrs present agreed and were in full support and favour of this application. Application approved at Parish Council level.

- **DC/23/03329** | Full Planning Application - Erection of single storey lean-to rear extension and single storey front extension with new canopied porch; Erection of outbuilding for use as therapy room. | 6 Falconer Avenue Old Newton. *Deadline for comments 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023.*

Cllrs felt that the proposed development of this property was more uniformed and even spaced than its current position and would improve the house visually, making the property visually aesthetically pleasing and improving the use of the space for the residents occupying the property. All the properties on Falconer Avenue are different at this end of the avenue. The amount of extension requested isn't extensive or out of proportion and will improve the property considerably. Cllr Tween proposed to accept the application fully supporting, this was seconded by Cllr Clements – all Cllrs present were unanimously in favour and the application has been approved at parish council level.

- Listed Building Consent Appeal Received – Rosemary Cottage, 60 Chapel Road, Old Newton.

4. **Planning Decisions from MSDC**

- **Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/02878** - Condition 12 (Landscape Protection) Location: Land East Of, Greenacres, Old Newton, Suffolk. MSDC have approved the conditions.
- **Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/19/02878**- Condition 16 (Highways) Location: Land Off Church Road , Church Road, Old Newton, IP14 4EF. MSDC have approved the conditions.

5. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council.**

- Keepmoat parking on village hall complaint received. Also Keepmoat contractors are starting earlier than the construction management plan states and this has also been complained about – The construction management plan says 8am. Cllrs agreed that enforcement need to be informed and Clerk to copy in our district Cllrs. They have also been reportedly asking neighbours to the development if they could tap into their water supply to feed their facilities. The construction management plan also states that traffic to the site should come through Haughley and this is not a designated lorry route. Highways have picked this up, but Cllrs would like to reiterate that this should not be the designated route for traffic to the site - There is no need to go through Haughley for access whatsoever and the weight restriction in place shouldn't allow this.

- Footpath 47 closure – The diversionary route is incorrect and needs to be re-routed over a ditch which was Cllr Stringers suggested option approved by SCC footpaths. SCC are aware and the developer is to make the necessary changes to the route, SCC will amend the diversionary route paperwork. As yet this is not in place and the diversionary route currently forces to walk along the B1113 which is not safe for pedestrians. Complaint also received regarding the other footpath that joins it having been recently ploughed. This was wheel marked yesterday re-instating the footpath. Parishioner who raised the issues has been informed.
- Parishioner email – Lack of public transport was read to Cllrs. SCC and MSDC are both looking into it on behalf – of the Parish Council. Cllrs will come back to the Clerk in due course from both County and MSDC.
- Laura Griffiths has put forward to stand as Cllr but she may not be able to attend the September meeting in which case if no one else stands we will be ok to co-opt at the October meeting.
- Footpath sign broken in Sandford Rd – Clerk asked to report. Problems with Kids – Cllr Goudy has mentioned it to our resident Police
- Battery for SID unit – Costs required for September meeting.
- Welcome back to Cllr Clements. – Parishioner wanting advice for the Chinese takeaway to tidy up their property as it is in a state and looks appalling given it's in the centre of the village. Suggestions to write to the business and or include a comment in the crier or speak to them directly, however the clerk stated that this was potentially over stepping the remit of the Parish Council. Cllr Eburne stated that MSDC would not get involved in this type of complaint as it was beyond their responsibilities. Agreed to go back to the complainant and state that if they felt comfortable they should mention it themselves as the Parish Council could not get involved as this is private property and not covered by responsibilities of the Parish Council.
- Standing Orders – Cllr Hardman asked all Cllrs to ensure they have looked at them and her suggestions in order to discuss and agree any changes and amendments at the September meeting.
- The parish council is keen to develop a good working relationship with Keepmoat - The developer of the Greenacres site and it was suggested that the Clerk include in the next Crier edition any comments or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the clerk to liaise with the developers on behalf of the village / parishioners.
- DONG Tea party open next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August in the afternoon 3pm – 5pm.

**6. Public Forum - Nothing raised.**

**7. Additional Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the September 2023 meeting.**

- Co-Option – Cllr for Old Newton with Dagworth
- Working Groups / Committees and whether we have terms of reference.
- Government funded pilot for Community-led planning for places.
- MSDC 1 – Pride in your place – Funding for extra litter picking and graffiti etc. Apply for. And help with the signage cleaning. Station Road 30mph needs moving / clearing.
- Standing Orders / Financial Regulations / Internal control Statement Amended / Approved
- Village sign update
- Dog bin for Methodist Chapel
- Footpath Committee Report – Posters / Footpath signage - Fingerposts
- SID unit – Update / Speeding
- Cemetery Report

**8. Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Chairman thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.**

**Meeting closed at 20.12 hrs**