

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room

- Present:** Councillors Andy Sheppard (Chairman), Stewart Braybrook, Barbara Campbell, Jeremy Coomber, Matt Foster and Chris White.
- Attending:** Margaret Maybury (Babergh District Councillor), Dave Crimmin (Clerk) and 8 residents.

#### 17/001 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Tim Sheppard (commitment) sent his apologies.

#### 17/002 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Braybrook declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17/005a as he is a neighbour of the property. Cllr Campbell declared a pecuniary interest in item 17/005c as the proposed garage adjoins her boundary and did not take part in the discussion and vote on the item. No requests for dispensation had been received.

#### 17/003 Minutes of Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 17/004 Public Forum

Several residents raised their concerns over the planning application for the retention on the wall at The Cottage in Church Road. The 2 owners of the properties which the wall fronted, expressed their concerns that the developer had not built what was promised when the properties were being purchased and that at least the top line of bricks should be removed and replaced with coping tiles. Other residents felt that the original style of wall should be re-instated to be in keeping with the walls on this side of Church Road, within the conservation area.

Residents raised their concerns on the scale of the proposed garage in the planning application for 1 Priory Cottages and the impact it had on the dwelling itself and adjoining property.

#### 17/005 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/01578 The Cottage, Church Road** - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990): Erection of 2 no. two storey dwellings and detached garage building for plot 2 (following demolition of existing dwelling and garage). Alterations to front boundary wall to create 2 no. new vehicular access and stopping up of existing vehicular access without compliance with condition 13 of B/12/01469/FUL to allow erection (and retention) of 1200mm high replacement front boundary wall and resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:
  - i. The original planning permission for the new dwellings was given with the original wall to the property being retained. Whilst the developer had to remove this during construction, presumably with the permission of the LPA, its re-instatement should have been in keeping with the original wall and the other walls on the boundary of the site
  - ii. The wall forms part of the "continual wall" as described in the conservation area for the village, within which the properties reside, and should be sympathetic to this rather than introducing a modern brick wall style.
- b. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/01637 Harvest Barn, Haymarket** - Application for Listed Building Consent - 1) Insertion of window into former opening in garage outbuilding 2) Insertion of glazed doors in garage outbuilding 3) Insertion of connecting fire door between garage and kitchen 4) Installation of thermal/acoustic insulation to interior of garage outbuilding and resolved to support the application.
- c. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/01687 1 Priory Cottages, Church Road** - Erection of attached single garage and resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:
  - i. The scale of the garage in terms of its height and mass, is out of keeping to both the

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- dwelling and the neighbouring property
- ii. The garage creates an unacceptable loss of light and residential amenity for the neighbouring property on the shared boundary
  - iii. Building materials specified for the roof not being sympathetic to the setting.
- d. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.

**17/006 Closed Churchyard**

LWPC still awaits the necessary permissions from the Diocese to undertake the works on the lime trees.

The recent damage to the pillar of the churchyard wall was discussed and the Chairman updated councillors that the resident responsible for the damage has stepped forward and has agreed to pay for its re-instatement. The councillors agreed that a quote be obtained to rebuild the wall in line with the recommendation received from Babergh's Heritage Department which could then be:

- given to the PCC to obtain the necessary Diocese approval
- verified with Babergh's Heritage Department to ensure that no planning permission is required.

The councillors requested the Clerk to log the incident with LWPC's insurer.

**17/007 LWPC representatives on the Playing Field Committee**

Cllr Campbell updated councillors on the Playing Field Committee's work to bring the Trust Deed up to date which has resulted in LWPC being asked to confirm whether it still wanted to have 2 representatives on the PFC. The councillors resolved that the new PFC constitution should give the option for 2 representatives of LWPC to be members.

**17/008 Questions to Chair**

The Clerk was asked to contact BT regarding the failing electrical supply to the telephone kiosk. The councillors agreed with Cllr Coomber's suggestion that Brian Tora be put forward for the SALC ballot for a place at the Royal Garden Party to be held at Buckingham Palace in May 2017, in recognition of his service as Chairman of LWPC. Cllr Coomber will discuss the nomination with Brian Tora before submission of the application.

**17/009 Next Meeting**

The date of the next scheduled meeting will be Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm.**

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