

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

Approved Minutes of the Remote Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6 October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr Chris White (Chair), Cllr Barbara Campbell (Minutes Taker), Cllr Matt Foster and Cllr Tim Sheppard

Attendance: There were no others in attendance at the meeting

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr Delme Thompson. Cllr Stewart Braybrook sent his apologies after the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interests by Members and Requests for Dispensation

A pecuniary interest was declared by Cllr Campbell (Item 5a) who agreed to not participate in the discussion of this item. Cllr Sheppard declared a pecuniary interest (item 5c) and agreed not to participate in the discussion of this item.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 10 September 2020

Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council on 10 September 2020 were received and approved as a true record. It was agreed that arrangements would be made for the minutes to be signed by the Chair once the restriction on physical meetings was removed.

4. Contributions by Members of the Public

There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. Consideration of Planning Application Consultee Comments

(a) BDC DC/20/03821: Application Received (Comments Due 9 October 2020)

Land to the Rear of Enniskillen Lodge, The Street, Little Waldingfield, CO10 0SU

Members agreed that the planned development of the land to the rear of Enniskillen Lodge was inappropriate and agreed to object to this planning application on the following grounds:

- (a) The proposal as submitted represents an overdevelopment of the site. The housing type planned does not reflect the needs of the village, as stated in the Housing Needs Assessment, completed by AECOM and commissioned by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee, which specifies the requirement for smaller, 2/3-bedroom dwellings. In fact, there is no evidence within the planning application documentation that the applicant has taken any account of the Neighbourhood Plan evidence base, in relation to housing needs, or otherwise;
- (b) The provision of 21 new parking places appears too high for a development of six dwellings;

- (c) In respect of the impact on Highways and traffic movement, the development will represent a substantial increase in traffic movement both through and around the village. There is no attempt to mitigate the increase in car use by the provision of financial support for public transport, such as the local bus service, or otherwise;
 - (d) The impact on the ecology of the site will be substantial, with the loss of an important environmental asset, namely the mature orchard in which the site is situated. The development will result in the loss of the majority of trees on the site and again, there is no attempt to mitigate this loss;
 - (e) There is no reference within the planning statement provided in support of the application, to section 66 of the Planning and Listed Buildings act of 1990, which suggests that a proper consideration of the impact of the development on the adjacent listed buildings and the Conservation area has not been undertaken by the applicant; and
 - (f) Enniskillen Lodge is a Grade 2 listed building which sits at the core of Little Waldingfield and the centre of the Conservation Area. Access to the development would involve demolishing and rebuilding the boundary wall in such a way as to change the character of the centre of the village. This change will have a negative impact on the Conservation Area and undermine the visual benefits of the centre of the village.
- (b) BDC DC/20/04054: Application Received (Comments Due 9 October 2020)
Bell House, Humble Green, Little Waldingfield, CO10 0TB
Members agreed that they did not object to this planning application.
- (c) BDC DC/20/04269: Application Received (Comments Due 21 October 2020)
Malting Cottage, Haymarket, Little Waldingfield, CO10 0SY
Members agreed that they did not object to this planning application.

6. Matters for Future Consideration

Members determined Matters for Future Consideration would be taken from the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th September 2020.

7. Dates of the Next Meetings

- (a) 12 November 2020 (Urgent Items & Documents Received by 4 November 2020)
- (b) 14 January 2021
- (c) 11 March 2021

Barbara Campbell, Minutes Taker

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