

Little Waldingfield Parish Council

Approved Minutes of the Remote Council Meeting held on Thursday 11 February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr Barbara Campbell (Chair), Cllr Chris White (Vice-Chair), Cllr Stewart Braybrook, Cllr Tim Sheppard, Cllr Delme Thompson and Cllr Robert Wheeler

Attendance: Cllr Clive Arthey (District Councillor), Cllr Margaret Maybury (District Councillor) and Simon Ashton (Parish Clerk & RFO)

1. Apologies and Approval of Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr Matt Foster and his absence was approved.

2. Declarations of Interests by Members and Requests for Dispensation

There were no interests declared or requests received by any of the Members.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting on 14 January 2021

Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council on 14 January 2021 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 as soon as possible.

4. Contributions by Members of the Public

There were no matters raised by any members of the public.

5. Consideration of Planning Application Consultee Comments

(a) BDC DC/21/00148: Application Received (Comments Due 12 February 2021)
Priory Farm, Priory Green, Edwardstone, Partly in Little Waldingfield, Suffolk

Members agreed that they objected to this planning application on the grounds that the external treatment detracts from the architectural appearance and character of the building. However, they supported the intention to renovate the property.

(b) BDC DC/21/00149: Application Received (Comments Due 12 February 2021)
Priory Farm, Priory Green, Edwardstone, Partly in Little Waldingfield, Suffolk

Members agreed that they objected to this planning application on the grounds that the external treatment detracts from the architectural appearance and character of the building. However, they supported the intention to renovate the property.

(c) BDC DC/21/00453: Application Received (Comments Due 18 February 2021)
Gable Lodge, The Street, Little Waldingfield, CO10 0SG

Members agreed that they objected to this planning application on the grounds that the structure was disproportionate in size for its intended purpose and detracted from the main building of the existing property.

- (d) BDC DC/20/05183: Application Received (Comments Due 25 February 2021)
Chilton Woods Mixed Development, Land North of Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury
Members agreed not to submit any further comments on this planning application.

6. Neighbourhood Plan

- (a) Members were advised that the examiner had carried out some work following the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan, issues identified were being managed by the Council's consultant who would be preparing responses in due course and the examiner's visit to the village had so far not taken place.

7. Finance

- (a) Members agreed that the coverage of the internal audit work carried out by SALC, its independence and access to the Council's Responsible Financial Officer had been to the Council's satisfaction. Members then approved the appointment of SALC as the Council's Internal Auditor for 2020/21.
- (b) Following discussion, Members agreed to postpone the consideration of donation requests received from CAB Sudbury, Headway and SARS until the next meeting when greater consideration could be given to the matter of financial contributions.
- (c) Following discussion, Members agreed to consider the purchase of any services from the Community Wardens on a pay as you go basis at the next meeting.

8. Governance

- (a) The Parish Clerk presented the annual risk assessment for 2020/21. Following review and agreement of some amendments, the document was approved by Members.
- (b) The Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for 2020/21, which included minor modifications made to the model versions provided by NALC, were presented by the Parish Clerk which were reviewed and discussed by Members. Following the agreement of a minor amendment, the documents were approved by Members.
- (c) Cllr Campbell and Cllr White agreed to make arrangements to carry out annual checks in the closed churchyard and to update Members at the next meeting.

9. Highways

- (a) Members were advised that there was no further progress to report relating to SCC's delivery of the replacement of no parking posts on Church Road.

10. Matters for Future Consideration

- (a) Consideration of Financial Contribution to Go Start Community Transport Bus Service

11. Dates of the Next Meetings

- (a) 11 March 2021 (Agenda Items & Documents Received by 3 March 2021)
- (b) The meeting finished at 8.50pm.