

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING held on Thursday 16 July 2020 at 6.30pm by VIDEOCONFERENCE of Thurston Parish Council.

Present (by video): Cllrs. Dashper (Chair), Cllrs. Fawcett, Haley, Morris, Rainbow, Thurlbourn, Towers and West.

Also in attendance (by video): Mrs V Waples, Parish Clerk.

1. **OPENING** – the Chairman opened the meeting advising all that the Video Protocol adopted by the Parish Council, would be enacted for this meeting. *A copy of the Protocol is available from the Clerk or can be downloaded from the website:*
<https://thurstonparishcouncil.uk/parish-council/policies-procedures-and-strategy/>
2. **APOLOGIES** –
 - a) Council received apologies for absence from Cllr. Turner for personal commitments and Cllr. Hay due to a potential conflict of interests.
 - b) Acceptance of the apologies submitted was agreed by all, aif.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25** –
 - a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature including gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – there were no declarations declared for the agenda under discussion.
 - b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – there were none declared.
 - c) To receive requests for dispensations – none had been received prior to the meeting.
4. **TO RESOLVE THAT UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISISON TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED** – *it was resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting to consider legal advice from council's solicitor as publicity of it is lily to prejudice the legal position of the council.*
 - a) to receive and consider further information on the potential Judicial Review against Mid Suffolk District Council on the decisions made at the meeting of Mid Suffolk District Council's Planning Referrals Committee on 29th January 2020 for the application on land South West of Beyton Road, Thurston, Suffolk – Bloor Homes/Sir George Agnew and on land to the East of Ixworth Road, Thurston, Suffolk – Gladman Developments Ltd –

CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION FOLLOWED

It was agreed that the second option as outlined in the email from the Parish Council's Counsel as circulated to all Councillors on 9th July 2020 be approved by all, aif.

Gladman Application – it was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with legal counsel on the status of this application, aif.

The following item was added to the Agenda as a late discussion due to the notification of Mid Suffolk District Council the previous day that this application was due to go before MSDC's Development Control Committee on 22nd July 2020

- b) DC/20/00585 – Harveys Garden Plants, Great Green- Erection of dwelling with associated works, including provision of landscaping and internal access road – the meeting noted that this was to go before MSDC's Planning Committee the following week and the following matters in relation to this were discussed:

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If granted then permitted development rights for the whole of the site should be removed to prevent the one dwelling eventually becoming three

Members of the Planning Cttee should be reminded of the fact that the Area Planning Officer is still using the same argument against the NP Spatial Strategy that will potentially be tested in the JR and that they have done a complete "U turn" from past refusals for this area along with the negotiation of one versus three merely to avoid the scenario of going to appeal as opposed to looking at the merits of the application.

Paragraphs 4.1-4.6 should be referenced in the PC's submission against this application and Officers should not be allowed to interpret paragraph 4.1 in such a slanted manner.

All were reminded that the PC also needed to focus on why it should have been flagged up to Cttee in the first place.

It was also noted that the Portfolio Holder at MSDC had recently upheld the merits of the NDP and this should also be used in the PCs challenge.

It was agreed and approved that Cllrs Towers and West would attend the Planning Committee Meeting and speak on behalf of the PC and would work on their submission over the coming days.

5. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

- a) 5th August 2020 – full Council Meeting – via the Zoom platform – commencing at 6.30pm
- b) 19th August 2020 – full Council Meeting – via the Zoom platform – commencing at 7.00pm

6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – there being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.12pm

Appendix A - Glossary of Common Abbreviations used

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BUAB	Built Up Area Boundary
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils
CC	Credit Card
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
Chq.	Cheque
Cllr.	Councillor
CMP	Construction Management Programme
Cttee.	Committee
DC	District Council
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
DD	Direct Debit
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
JR	Judicial Review
LAIS (from SALC)	Local Association's Information Services
LGBCE	Local Government Boundary Commission for England
LPA	Local Planning Authority
MSDC	Mid Suffolk District Council
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NR	Network Rail
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
Pdf	Portable Document Format
PIISG	Parish Infrastructure Investment Steering Group
Rec.	Recreation
RFO	Responsible Financial Officer
SARS	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SNT	SaferNeighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
SPS	Suffolk Preservation Society
TCC	Thurston Community College
TNPSG	Thurston Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
TRO	Traffic Regulation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign

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