

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held in Assington Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Present:** Councillors C Heseltine (Chairman), S King, K Tatum, R Symonds and J Symons.  
**Attending:** J Jenkins (Babergh District Councillor), D Crimmin (Clerk) and one resident.

**14/073 Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Stacey and Thorogood sent their apologies.

**14/074 Declaration of Interest**

None were declared

**14/075 Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

**14/076 Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

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

**14/077 Public Forum**

The member of public referred to the changes in planning policy under which planning applications for Assington would be determined by the Local Planning Authority.

**14/078 Planning**

- a. The councillors noted **Planning Application B/14/00729 Elm Lodge, The Street** - Canopy lift and thin by 20% 1 No Elm tree in front garden protected by Tree Preservation Order BT 305.
- b. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/14/00362 Land South of Assington Farm Shop, The Street** - Outline - Erection of 2 No. dwellings with associated off street parking. The councillors accept that under Babergh's new Local Plan that infilling between the 2 Built Up Area Boundaries of the village will be inevitable over the life of the plan, which runs to 2031. However, this application does not, in the council's opinion, address the Local Needs of the village by proposing two 4+ roomed dwellings and consider that such an application should also address the need for residents to be able to purchase a 2 bedroom property. The councillors felt that a proposed development of one 4+ bedroom detached and two 2 bedroom semi-detached dwellings would be more in keeping with the community needs as identified in the Local Housing Needs Survey for the village. The councillors therefore resolved that they objected to the planning application on this basis.
- c. The councillors reviewed the changes in the times that were required for music in the Premises License for Assington Country Kitchen and noted that the previous objections to the application had been withdrawn.
- d. There were no further planning applications received since the agenda was posted.

**14/079 Question to the Chair**

The question of Assington Parish Council's meeting days was raised as was the licence for the permissive path.

**14/080 Dates of next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of APC will take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 starting at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm**

*SIGNED* \_\_\_\_\_ *DATED* \_\_\_\_\_