MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL Held in Assington Village Hall on Monday 16th June 2014

Present: Councillors S Thorogood (Chairman), C Heseltine, K Tatum and R Symonds.

Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk).

14/063 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs King, Stacey and Symons sent their apologies.

14/064 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Heseltine declared a pecuniary interest in item 14/068a as he is a neighbour of the premises and left the meeting while this item was discussed.

14/065 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

14/066 Minutes of Meeting held on 19th May 2014

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

14/067 Public Forum

No member of public present.

14/068 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed an application for a Premises License under the Licensing Act 2003 for Assington Country Kitchen and resolved that they objected to the application on the following grounds:
 - i. The playing of music, live and recorded, finishing at 23.30 Monday to Saturday and 21.30 on Sunday, 365 days of the year from both indoors and outdoors of the premises will have an unacceptable noise impact to households within the majority of the village
 - ii. The proposed premises lies at the centre of the village with the majority of the housing within a radius of 400 meters
 - iii. The containment of the music within the premises itself will be difficult with the garden area also being used to accommodate the 100 customer capacity
 - iv. There are 2 other premises within a short distance either side of the proposed venue where similar licensing arrangements are in place but in the council's opinion in buildings much more suited to noise containment.
- b. There were no further planning applications received since the agenda was posted.

14/069 BDC's Rural Housing Policy consultation

The councillors reviewed Babergh's Rural Housing Policy consultation and resolved that they supported the criteria under which development would be determined in a hinterland village such as Assington.

14/070 BDC's Community Infrastructure Levy consultation

The councillors reviewed Babergh's Community Infrastructure Levy consultation and while questioning whether such a levy would have an adverse impact on development they resolved to support the aims of the levy in supporting infrastructure and the parish.

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14/071 Question to the Chair

No questions raised.

14/072 Dates of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.45pm