

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in Assington Village Hall on Monday 22nd February 2016

Present: Councillors S Thorogood (Chairman), S Betts, S King and R Symonds.
Attending: D Crimmin (Clerk) and 7 members of public.

16/017 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Stacey, Symons and Wallace sent their apologies.

16/018 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

16/019 Minutes of Meeting held on 25th January 2016

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

16/020 Public Forum

Residents and the applicant discussed the implications of the proposed caravan park in the heart of the village at The Barn in terms of the road usage, the number of users and the traffic management plan.

16/021 Planning

- a. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/15/01348 Amendments / additional information received re The Barn at Assington, The Street** - Change of use to caravan and camping site including provision for static, seasonal and touring caravans, tented camping and winter storage of caravans but did not feel that the additional information regarding the path and predicted traffic flow to and from the site mitigated any of the concerns raised in the original application. The councillors resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:
 - proposal being too large for the centre of the village
 - proposal not respecting the locality, local context or the character of the village
 - proposed number of people, estimated between 100 and 200 people, using the site
 - negative impact on the rural nature and amenity of the village and its residents
 - special landscape area not being maintained or enhanced by the proposal
 - impact that the extra traffic would have on the Street and the road junctions to the village
 - removal of walking land for villagers
 - scale of this proposal, in terms of the number of new "residents" in the static caravans, being far larger than that proposed for the village in the Local Plan.The councillors requested that the Babergh planning committee hold a site inspection to review the impact of the application in terms of the village setting and road access.
- b. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/16/00078 St Edmunds Cottage, The Street** - Erection of two storey rear extension and garage and associated alterations and resolved to support the application.
- c. The councillors reviewed **Planning Application B/15/01698 4 The Gurdons, The Street** - Erection of a single-storey rear extension (retention of) and resolved to support the application.
- d. No further planning application had been received since the agenda was posted.

Cllr Betts left meeting.

16/022 Question to the Chair

The councillors recorded that the Scattered Orchard trees were planted on the 16th February 2016. Cllr Thorogood will look to see if he can get the rubble from the allotments cleared failing which Jennie Jenkins will be contacted. The Clerk will contact SCC Highways regarding the road maintenance sign left outside Centuries. The Clerk will arrange a meeting during the day for councillors to review the housing survey with Nick Ward. The Clerk was asked to add a village defibrillator and the Queen's 90th Birthday celebration to the next agenda.

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16/023 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is the 21st March 2016 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm