

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in Assington Village Hall on Tuesday 29th August 2017

Present: Councillors Simon Thorogood (Chairman), Stephen King, Steve Betts, Rose Symonds, and Helen Wallace.

Attending: James Finch (Suffolk County Councillor) arrived following a previous meeting at 8.15pm and Jane Hatton (Clerk)

17/088 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Bronwen Stacey sent her apologies as she had a prior engagement and Cllr John Symons sent his apologies as he was away on holiday.

17/089 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

No declaration of interest or request for dispensation had been received.

17/090 Minutes of Meeting held on 31st July 2017

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

17/091 Public Forum

- a. Babergh District Councillor Jennie Jenkins had given her apologies as she had a prior engagement
- b. County Councillor James Finch had emailed his report which were circulated appendix A. He made is apologies as he would be late due to a prior engagement.

17/092 Community Led Plan/Neighbourhood Plan

The clerk advised that she had made an approach to Newton Parish Council regarding the possibilities of working together on the plan and it had been agreed that the chair of Newton Parish Council would contact the Chair of Assington Parish Council to discuss if the two councils could work in conjunction. It was agreed that Cllr King would attend the Vision Event at Delphi on the 13th September and that Cllr King and Cllr R Symonds would attend the Consultation Event at Sudbury Town Council on the 27th September. Clerk to confirm attendance.

17/093 Routine Correspondence

- a. Barclays Bank had requested a letter signed by the signatories to enable the statements to be send to the address of the clerk. Letter provided and signed and the clerk will respond to Barclays Bank.
- b. Email received from Mr P Willer regarding moving the 30 mile per hour sign, this was deferred to later in the meeting when Cllr Finch was due to arrive.

17/094 Planning

- a. Councillors reviewed Planning Application - DC/17/04046 – **Change of use of existing ground floor farm workshop and store to farm shop and store at Little Ropers Farm, Assington Road, Bures St. Mary, Bures, Suffolk CO8 5JX and resolved to support the application.**
- b. **Councillors reviewed** Planning Application - DC/17/003973 – **Erection of detached building to provide secure garaging, workshop, shower and studio facilities at Willow Farm, Further Street, Assington, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 5LD and resolved to support the application.**
- c. **Councillors reviewed** Planning Application DC/17/04161 – **Erection of 3 No detached dwellings with garages and construction of new vehicular access to The Street at Land to the North of Assington Barn, The Street, Assington, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LW and agreed to object to the application on the grounds that the properties are too big but the Councillors would accept 3 smaller dwellings of 2 or 3 bedrooms.**
- d. Status of **planning applications**

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Date Received	BDC Ref	Application	APC Ref	APC Response	BDC Response
	B/15/01718	Chilton Woods	16/031b	Objected	
07/04/17	B/16/01569	The Old Workhouse, Further Street - Application for Listed Building Consent- Removal of cement render and installation of replacement wool wood fibreboards with lime render and wash finish together with associated timber frame repairs.	17/045c	Supported	
03/04/17	B/17/00465	The Coach House, Assington Park - Application for Listed Building Consent - Conversion and alterations to outbuilding to form self contained annexe.	17/045h	Supported	
03/04/17	B/17/00464	The Coach House, Assington Park - Conversion and alterations to outbuilding to form self contained annexe.	17/045i	Supported	
	B/17/00947	Adjoining Parish Little Ropers Farm, Assington Road, Bures St Mary - Change use of land to a campsite(retention of).	17/065b		
18/04/17	APP/D3505/W/17/3168591	Appeal by The Hill Farm Assington Partnership B/16/01167 Site Address: Land north of The Hollies, The Street, Assington, SUDBURY, CO10 5LH	17/065a		
	B/17/01119	Cotton Wood, Barracks Road - Erection of decontamination building (retention of).	17/065c	Supported	
13/05/17	B/15/01718	Amendments to Chilton Woods Mixed Use Development, Land North of, Woodhall Business Park, Sudbury - Outline application (with all matters reserved except for access) - Erection of up to 1,150 dwellings (Use Class C3); 15ha of employment development (to include B1, B2 and B8 uses, a hotel (C1), a household waste recycling centre (sui generis) and a district heating network); village centre (comprising up to 1,000m2 Gross Floor Area (GFA) of retail floor space (A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5), village hall (D2), workspace (B1a), residential dwellings (C3), primary school (D1), pre-school (D1) and car parking); creation of new vehicular access points and associated works; sustainable transport links; community woodland; open space (including children's play areas); sustainable drainage (SuDS); sports pavilion (D2) and playing fields; allotments; and associated ancillary works.	17/065d		
27/06/17	DC/17/03117	Erection of extensions to existing production premises and new buildings to Hill Farm, Brick Kiln Hill, Polstead - provide canning line (12,611sqm) warehouse space (7,100sqm) apple processing and juice storage (2,060sqm) and apple processing (1,040sqm) associated vehicle parking, landscaping and drainage infrastructure.	17/081 a	Objected	
21/07/17	DC17/03535	Prior Approval Application to Hill Farm, The Street, Assington to conversion to 3 dwellings	17/081 d	Objected	

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- e. Clerk reported that Babergh had been contacted regarding the new BDC system of electronic consultation. The planning department requested that examples of any issues should be emailed to them as they are looking at how to make it easier for everyone to use therefore feedback would be useful. Email planningadmin@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

County Councillor James Finch arrived at 8.15pm

17/095 Question to the Chair

The email received from Mr P Willer regarding moving the 30 mile per hour sign was discussed and Cllr Finch advised that it would require a Traffic Regulations Order which had to be approved by organisations such as the police. The councillors agreed that it was supported in principle and Cllr Finch said that it could be reviewed once the consultations regarding the speed limits on the A134 had been finalised.

17/096 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is the 25th September starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Appendix A - County Councillor James Finch Report

A Summary Report for Assington Parish Council Meeting on 29th August 2017
From James Finch – County Councillor for the Stour Valley

➤ **Suffolk County Council launches its new Strategic Priorities**

On the 20th July Suffolk County Council adopted its new Strategic Priorities document. This outlines SCC's Priorities for the next four years building on the Conservative manifesto from the recent County Council elections, in addition to several carefully considered strategies already in place. At its heart are three core principles – **inclusive growth, health care and wellbeing and efficient and effective public services**. As before sound financial management, careful planning, and a passion for finding new ways to deliver and protect frontline services are all fundamental to the approach.

The document can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/council-and-democracy/our-aims-and-transformation-programmes/Suffolk-County-Council-Priorities.pdf>

➤ **Special Olympics Send-off for Suffolk's Athletes**

In preparation for the Special Olympics Great Britain National Summer Games 2017, Suffolk County Council hosted on 1st August an official send off for the athletes from Suffolk, who have been selected for the Games. This will be the 10th National Summer Games and will take place in Sheffield from 7th to 12th August. Around 2,600 athletes with intellectual disabilities will come together from all over the country to compete in 20 different sports. 24 Special Olympics Suffolk (SOS) athletes from the sports of athletics, gymnastics and badminton will be part of the Eastern Region team. Further information about Special Olympics Great Britain National Summer Games can be found at <http://sheffield2017.org.uk/>

➤ **Getting your Recycling Right**

The Suffolk Waste Partnership has launched a campaign to tackle the cost of people placing the wrong items in their recycling bins. '*Getting your Recycling Right*' will be working with around 3600 homes to help residents understand what can and can't go in their recycling bin, while also aiming to reduce the £500,000 annual taxpayer cost of removing the wrong items from recycling bins. The two areas identified are being targeted as historically they have had higher than average levels of recycling bin contamination.

In Suffolk, more than half of our household waste is recycled, but contamination levels have been rising as people increasingly put unsuitable items such as food, glass, electrical items and used nappies in their kerbside recycling bins. These items are potentially dangerous, can have a negative impact on the environment and ultimately cost the taxpayer extra money to clean up.

Homes in the campaign area can expect to receive a new information pack through their door as well as a helpful information sticker on their bins. In addition, contractors from Groundworks, working on behalf of the partnership, will be visiting homes to raise awareness and ask people to get their recycling right.

All recyclable waste collected from Suffolk households is taken to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Great Blakenham, where it is sorted and baled before being sent on for recycling. This facility is designed to only accept and process certain materials. If the wrong items are delivered they have to be removed, sometimes by hand.

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➤ **Suffolk County Council continues to raise awareness of motor neurone disease to support those living with the condition**

At this last month's Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting, Suffolk County Council, reiterated its support of the motor neurone disease (MND) charter in support of local people living with this terminal disease and their carers.

MND is a fatal, rapidly progressing disease that can leave people locked in a failing body, unable to move, talk and eventually breathe. It kills around a third of people within a year of diagnosis, and more than half within two years. There is no cure.

Little is understood about the disease and this contributes to many people not receiving the care and support they need. The MND Charter was launched to change this, comprising a number of rights for those with MND.

Suffolk County Council, who committed to the charter in December after all councillors voted unanimously in favour of supporting it, is one of only 14 county councils to adopt the charter. As part of the charter, Suffolk County Council will promote the charter, campaigning to recruit volunteers to help support people affected by MND.

My Priorities

*Education - Supporting Vulnerable People - Jobs and Growth - Localism and the Stour Valley -
Building on Suffolk's Strength all underpinned by strong financial management and low council tax*

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End of Appendices

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