

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in Assington Village Hall on Monday 6th November 2017

Present: Councillors Simon Thorogood (Chairman), Stephen King, Steve Betts, Rose Symonds, Bronwen Stacey,

Attending: Jane Hatton (Clerk) and two members of the public

17/108 Apologies for Absence

Councillors John Symons and Helen Wallace.

17/109 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

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

17/110 Minutes of Meeting held on 25th September 2017

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

17/111 Public Forum

Two residents raised their concerns regarding the amendment to planning permission for The Barn at Assington and what is meant by living accommodation over the garages. It's a single garage which is not suitable for living accommodation above especially as it is being situated so close to other properties. Their concerns were noted and this will be discussed later on the agenda.

17/112 Routine Correspondence

- a. It was agreed that the clerk should attend the Cilca Training and that Assington Parish Council will cover the costs.
- b. The clerk will respond to Robert Palmer at the Department of Communities and Local Government to confirm that the response from SALC regarding the precept consultation had been discussed and that the parish council agreed with their response. Also to thank SALC for the work they had put into this.
- c. It was agreed that the parish council would like a boardwalk over the footpath behind Vicary Estate but that it should be established what the problem is which is causing the leak. The clerk will contact Kevin Verlander to find out and will also state that the parish council will investigate what funds they might have available to contribute towards the boardwalk.

17/113 Clerk's Report (Appendix A)

Cllr King had investigated the Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan and it has been passed, 29% of residents voted of which 92% agreed and the cost of the plan was £10,000. The clerk confirmed that she had contacted Carroll Reeve, chair of Lavenham Parish Council, who is able to come to a meeting in 2018 to give advice regarding a Neighbourhood Plan.

17/114 Finance (Appendix B)

- a. Agreed the cost of £50 for Cllrs Stacey and Symonds to attend the Planning Course at Sudbury Town Council.
- b. Newton Parish Council had paid the Data Protection Meeting which the clerk had attended in full and no contribution was required by Assington Parish Council.
- c. Agreed the payment to Garden Arb Business for cutting the footpaths and it was noted that they were doing a good job.
- d. Agreed the cost of £60 for Community Action Suffolk for hosting the website.
- e. Agreed the cost of £62.58 for Anglian Water for the allotments

17/115 Planning

- a. Consider Planning Permission – DC/17/04927 – for the erection of 2, two bedroom houses and 1, four bedroom house with 3 detached garages with living accommodation over 2 garages at The Barn at Assington, The Street, Assington – resolved to object to the application on the grounds that:

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1. The red line plan which had been submitted previously and had been supported by the parish council in 2015 had been substantially changed
 2. The scale of the garages were not in keeping with the aspect along The Street and not in keeping with the view from The Street and would be above the line of the hedge and were therefore not appropriate.
 3. The 3 new detached garages all had the potential to be converted into new dwellings
- b. Status of **planning applications**

Date Received	BDC Ref	Application	APC Ref	APC Response	BDC Response
	B/15/01718	Chilton Woods	16/031b	Objected	
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	
08/08/2017	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	17/094 a	Supported	
09/08/17	DC/17/03973	Erection of detached building to provide secure garaging, workshop, shower and studio facilities at Willow Farm, Further Street, Assington, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 5LD	17/094 b	Supported	Granted
06/09/17	DC/17/04450	Change of Use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse at land adj to Gedding Hall, Nayland Road, Assington, Sudbury CO10 5LR	17/105 b	Supported	
17/08/17	DC/17/04210	Consent to carry out works to fell and remove 1 Elm Tree covered by Tree Preservation Order at Elm Lodge, The Street, Assington, Sudbury CO10 5LW	17/105c	Supported	Granted
16/08/17	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 5LWChange 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	17/094 c	Objected	Granted

17/116 Question to the Chair

- a. Cllr King had obtained quotes for the replacement of the bench on the playing field, which is a parish council asset and it was agreed to wait until the playgroup equipment will be discussed in 2018.
- b. Cllr Symonds had contacted Highways regarding the proposed new "Welcome to Assington" sign and was waiting for a response.

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Assington Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence on the 18th May 2015

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- c. The new sign to the Breakers Yard erected at the entrance to Marshalls Lane. The legality of the positioning of the sign will be further investigated.

17/117 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is the 27th November starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Appendice A Clerks Report

Minute	Action	Complete
	Minutes placed on website and notes sent to magazine.	✓
	Planning responses sent to Babergh DC	✓
17/101	Contact Lavenham Parish Council regarding their Neighbourhood Plan and investigate the Lawshall Neighbourhood Plan	✓
17/102 a	To confirm Cllr Thorogood to attend the BDC Networking Event	✓
17/102 b	Contact STC regarding Planning Courses	✓
17/102 d	Email Mr Willer regarding the 30 mile per hour sign and forward to Cllr Finch	✓
17/102 e	Email Mr Gladwin regarding the leak on the footpath behind Vicary Estate sewage compound and follow up with Babergh and Local Access	✓
17/104	Investigate the new auditor for 2018	✓

End of Appendices