

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held in Assington Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Present:** Councillors Stephen King (Vice Chairman), Rose Symonds, Bronwen Stacey, John Symons and Helen Wallace

**Attending:** Jane Hatton (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

**18/086 Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Simon Thorogood and Steve Betts sent their apologies

**18/087 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

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

**18/088 Minutes of Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

**18/089 Public Forum**

A resident advised that she had made a third complaint to highways regarding the damage to the verge and how poorly the road was maintained through Marshalls Green. concern was also expressed about the speed of some of the vehicles using the road and the damage to the green grass triangle which is continuously being driven over and that a lot of these vehicles are going to and from the Breakers Yard. Another resident was also concerned that the Breakers Yard is opening again after 6pm and racing cars, the usage of the land and the continuous extension of the yard itself.

**The public meeting was closed.**

**18/090 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Helen Wallace advised that the Neighbourhood Plan group are meeting every two weeks and a great deal of work has been achieved with several sub groups working on different aspects of the plan and feeding back to the main meeting. They are working on displays and developing ideas for the village fete on the 1<sup>st</sup> September to get the residents views about the village and any issues. They will also produce a leaflet for the event, which can be taken away informing residents of a forthcoming questionnaire and encouraging them to take part.

**18/091 Routine Correspondence**

- a. A letter had been received from Debbie Largent and an email from Charlotte Bayes regarding the enforcement issues at St Edmunds Cottage and had advised that the garage will be built within "permitted development" and that they were consulting with highways regarding the position of the kerb. Regarding the Breakers Yard, the only issue which enforcement have any control over is the sign on the Marshall Green sign, which they have instructed the owner to remove. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Aimee Colcombe at the Environment Agency to arrange for her to attend a parish council meeting to discuss the issues raised regarding the Breakers Yard.
- b. Following the email from Philip Isbell regarding a meeting to discuss planning and highways issues at Endeavour House, his PA will forward some dates at the end of August.

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- c. The council will wait to hear further from Sparlings Solicitors following their letter regarding the estate of Chris Heseltin; they confirmed that they will consult the executors regarding the sale of the reservoir and will respond in due course.
- d. It was noted that BDC will forward the concerns of the parish council regarding planning permission DC/18/03080 regarding the hedge and footpath to the architect of the proposed dwelling at land south of Maxton and Russet.

**18/092 Clerk's Report (Appendix A)**

After reviewing the Clerk's Report, the following were agreed:

- a. Item minutes 18/079b and 18/080c to be carried over to the next meeting.
- b. Cllr Symond confirmed that her husband, Roger has agreed to become the footpath warden and Cllr King will pass over the file.
- c. Cllr King confirmed that the land at Wemsley Lane is owned by Mr David Hodge at Severals Farm, Assington and the clerk will write to Mr Hodge to ask for permission to put up the new dog bin.

**18/093 Planning**

- a. Councillors reviewed **Planning Permission – DC/18/03431** – Erection of up to 2 dwellings with associated highway access, foul drainage treatment package units, parking and landscaping at Land opposite Hill Farm, The Street, Assington and resolved to **object** to this application on the same grounds that permission for planning had been refused by BDC previously:
  - This area is in an AONB and the village strongly wishes to retain its long rural views to Assington Thicks. Building in this position would spoil this long open view on entry into the village CS11 and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), conserving and enhancing the natural environment para 109 to 125 and although the properties have been moved from the original position, there is no guarantee that the open views will be retained in the future.
  - The proposed buildings are adjacent to and in the vicinity of both Grade 1 and Grade 11 Listed Buildings, and any new buildings are totally inappropriate in style, and not in keeping CN06.
  - Both properties proposed are large detached and not what the village needs or what the residents have requested, which are 2 to 3 bedroom properties CS11 which requires development to be well designed and appropriate in size/scale and character to its setting and village.
  - Being situated on a corner, the vehicular access onto the highway with the additional traffic generated and highway safety is a material consideration and a hazard to other road users.
  - Deficiencies in social facilities for further development in the village, as the village does not have a doctor or school and few leisure facilities and water disposal is stretched, with flooding in some places on The Street CS11.
- b. Councillors reviewed **Planning Permission – DC18/03392** – Erection of 2 two bedroom semi-detached sing storey dwellings and alterations to existing vehicular access. Demolition of 3 storage buildings at Land north of 25 The Street, Assington and resolved to **support** as long as the following concerns are taken into account:
  - There is adequate parking not only for residents but visitors so that no additional parking is required on the road.

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- The roof height of 6.54m is high for the requirements of a bungalow and that this can be lowered to ensure that the properties remain as 2 two bedroom semi detached bungalows.

c. The Status of **planning applications** previously reviewed are as follows:

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	
04/05/18	DC/18/01894	Erection of new detached dwelling at Land South of Wistons, The Street, Assington	18/054e	Supported	
08/06/18	DC/18/02596	Erection of up to 6 dwellings at land east of The Street, Assington	18/069a & 18/081h	Objected	Refused
12/06/18	DC/18/02160	Barn Conversion to form annexe at Moors Farm, Wormingford Road, Assington	18/069c	Supported with requested restriction for family use only	
12/06/18	DC/18/02161	Building Consent Barn Conversion to form annexe at Moors Farm, Wormingford Road, Assington	18/069d	Supported	
22/06/18	DC/18/02836	Erection of extension to existing production premises, associated car parking, landscaping and drainage infrastructure at Hill Farm, Stoke Road, Polstead	18/081a	Objected	
09/07/18	DC/18/03080	Erection of dwelling, detached garage and air source heat pump at land south of Maxton and Russet, The Street, Assington	18/081b	Objected	
13/07/18	DC/18/03151	Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for plot 7 at land north of Assington Barn, The Street, Assington	18/081c	Supported	
13/07/18	DC/18/03156	Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for plot 8 at land north of Assington Barn, The Street, Assington	18/081d	Supported	
13/07/18	DC/18/03162	Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for plot 1 at land north of Assington Barn, The Street, Assington	18/081g	Supported	

- d. It was agreed that Cllr Symonds would investigate who to contact regarding the concerns regarding the infrastructure of the sewage in Assington and the possible requirement of mains drainage.

**18/094 Questions to the Chair**

No questions to the chair

**18/095 Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.45pm**

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**Appendix A Clerk's Report**

Minute	Action	Complete ✓
	Minutes placed on website / sent to parish magazine / Jennie Jenkins.	✓
	Planning responses sent to Babergh DC	✓
18/077	Clerk sent details of the enforcement issues to Arthur Charvonia	✓
18/077	Clerk responded to Planning Meeting to be arranged at Endeavour House to be arranged for September	✓
18/079 b	Cllr Thorogood to further investigate the address for Mr Thompson	
18/080 c	Cllr Betts to look into CIL payments	
18/083 a	Cllr Symonds to consider becoming footpath warden	
18/083 c	Clerk purchased dog bin for Wemsley Lane	✓
18/083 c	Cllr King to investigate the ownership of the land and obtain permission for the erection of the dog bin in Wemsley Lane	
18/084 a	Clerk confirmed that TPO's are to be sent to David Pizzey at BDC	✓
18/084 c	Clerk contacted SCC highways regarding the issues already raised and the replacement of the 30mph signs	✓
	<b>Clerks Hours</b>	
	1st April 2018 to 5th August 2018 - 90 hours paid / 113.45 hours worked	

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