

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in Assington Village Hall on Wednesday 21st February 2018

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

Attending: Jane Hatton (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

18/019 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Steve Betts and County Councillor James Finch

18/020 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr J. Symons declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 18/024.b as he is a neighbour of the land south of Wistons. No request for dispensation had been received.

18/021 Minutes of Meeting held on 29th January 2018

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

18/023 Public Forum

A resident handed round a letter which he had sent to BDC planning expressing his serious concerns regarding the drainage of surface water of the proposed 10 dwellings at the land north of The Hollies. Another resident also expressed his concerns regarding the disposal of water on the site.

The public meeting was closed.

18/024 Community Led Plan/Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that the village meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood plan would be Monday 12th March at 7.30pm. The clerk will inform by email all those who have expressed an interest to be involved.

18/025 Planning

- a. **Planning Permission – DC/17/06170** – Erection of 10 dwellings at Land North of The Hollies, The Street, Assington and the councillors resolved to strongly **object** to this application on the grounds that:

- The disposal of surface water to the “swale” is located extremely close to the neighbouring property, Mulberry House and therefore they suggested moving it to the other side of the open space
- Plot 1 is too large and too close to the highway. The front of Plot 1 now faces the road and therefore will directly overlook other properties. It is suggested that the property be reduced to 1 ½ storey with the gable end facing the highway.
- The access road to the field behind was not on the application which was approved on appeal. This access is unnecessary for field access as there are other access points available to the landowner and is therefore not required
- The PC request that a Tree Preservation Order be placed on the Oak Tree as when the Councillors met with the builder, he confirmed that he could not guarantee that in the future the management company might not remove it.

- b. **Planning Permission – DC/17/06091** – Erection of a detached dwelling with garage at Land South of Wistons, The Street, Assington and the Councillors resolved to **object** to the amended plan:

- The road goes round the back of neighbouring properties which possibly opens the land behind for further development

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- The road is unsuitable for lorries during construction of the property and future deliveries
 - Loss of privacy for neighbouring properties and increased noise and disturbance resulting from the road behind their properties
- c. **Planning Permission – DC/18/00638** – Erection of a single storey side and rear extensions to Tamara, Barracks Road, Assington and the Councillors resolved to support this application.

18/026 Question to the Chair

Cllr Stacey confirmed that she has contacted Highways regarding the kerb outside St Edmunds Cottage. Cllr King and Cllr Wallace had meet with the owner of the Breakers Yard and had discussed the issues raised at the last meeting. The clerk will forward their letter confirming what had been discussed. The Clerk confirmed that she had not had a response from Planning Enforcement at BDC or SCC Highways regarding the concerns and it was agreed that these should be followed up together with why the 30mph signs seem to have been removed from their posts.

18/027 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 26th March 2018 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm