

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in Assington Village Hall on Monday 8th July 2019

Present: Councillors Bronwen Stacey, Helen Wallace, Ian Jordan and Andrew Hill

Attending: Babergh District Councillor Lee Parker and Jane Hatton (Clerk)

19/075 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Simon Thorogood (Chairman), Rose Symonds and John Symons had sent their apologies which were accepted. The Councillors present resolved that Cllr Wallace should chair the meeting.

19/076 Declaration of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

No declaration of Interest or requests for dispensation had been received.

19/077 Minutes of Meeting held on 19th June 2019

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Cllr Wallace (Acting Chairman) as a correct record.

19/078 Public Forum

District Councillor Lee Parker informed that BDC had endorsed the consultation for the new local plan which will cover every parish in the two districts and the consultation will start on the 22nd July for ten weeks. Cllr Jordan asked what are APC meeting dates before the end of the ten weeks which ends on the 30th September, it was confirmed that there are meetings on the 29th July and 23rd September and it was agreed that the local plan should be discussed at the meeting on 23rd September. BDCllr Parker advised that he had looked into the post not being delivered to a resident in Further Street but that Royal Mail are unlikely to change their decision as each of their vehicles have a tracker and they have recorded a number of near misses and have decided that it is too dangerous to deliver there. He has asked that the decision be reviewed but he thinks that the Royal Mail are unlikely to change their decision as it has already been discussed on several occasions. BDCllr Parker had investigated the situation of the temporary house and BDC are content that it is a temporary building with planning application in place and it will be reviewed in the fullness of time.

The public meeting was closed.

19/079 Planning

- a. The Councillors reviewed **Planning Application – DC/19/02586** – Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act at Willow Farm, Further Street, Assington.

Cllr Stacey informed that she understands that the neighbours have not been consulted on this planning application or the previous planning application and it directly affects their property which is Willow Farm Barn. The concern is that the planning process has not been followed and the position of the building is not as in the original application. The new position affects Willow Farm Barn more than it would have originally and it is understood that it is built on agricultural land. There should be more privacy for Willow Farm Barn with screening of planting and landscaping; also that the driveway would be more in keeping with the rural character if it were gravel, rather than a hard surface. Without these changes to the application APC would wish to object to the application.

- b. The Councillors reviewed **Planning Application - DC/19/02675** - Application to retain vehicular access at Church Hill Barn, The Street, Assington and resolved to support the application with the proviso that APC would not generally agreed with the reduction of

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visibility splay from the Suffolk County Council standards, but recognise this as an exception as this drive has been in place for sometime.

- c. Status of planning applications previous reviewed by APC are as follows and the Cllrs agreed that they were disappointed that the two planning applications granted had been objected to by APC and their objections ignored. Cllr Hill asked BDCllr Parker about the overturned decisions by the inspector and the comments made about BDC planning and whether a review takes place and what is the process. BDCllr Parker confirmed that a review does take place and will look into how transparent this review is and whether the reviews can be made available to APC, so that the learning can be shared.

Date Received	BDC Ref	Application	APC Ref	APC Response	BDC Response
05/04/19	DC/19/01570	Erection of 4 dwellings at land South of 10 The Gurdons, The Street, Assington	19/059a	Objected	Granted
07/05/19	DC/19/02169	Replacement and conversion of garage at The Thatched Cottage, Dorking Tye, Assington	19/059c	Supported	
07/05/19	DC/19/02170	Replacement and conversion of garage and internal works at The Thatched Cottage, Dorking Tye, Assington	19/059d	Supported	
14/05/19	DC/19/02242	Creation of 2 vehicular accesses and enlargement of staff car park at Pump Farm School, Bures Road, Assington	19/059e	Objected	Granted
14/06/19	DC/19/02753	Change of use of Agricultural Building to Dwellinghouse at Hill Farm, The Street, Assington	19/072a	Objected	

19/080 Application to Designate

Councillors reviewed the Assington Community Assets and following the result of the NP household survey that 97% of residents valued the pub as an important community asset, it was resolved with full agreement that an application be made to BDC for the Shoulder of Mutton to be formally designated an asset of community value. Cllr Hill confirmed that he will complete the required documentation on the BDC website.

19/081 Question to the Chair

None

19/082 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting date is Monday 29th July 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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