

# Assington Parish Council

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## Minutes of meeting held 7.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Assington Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors Andrew Hill (Vice Chair), Ian Jordan, Bronwen Stacey and Kevin White

**Attending** Christine Hargan (Clerk)

21101 **Apologies for Absence**

Simon Thorogood Helen Wallace, Tony Howcroft

21102 **Receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors**

None

### PLANNING

**DC/21/05299** The Field House Barracks Road Assington Suffolk CO10 5LP Outline planning permission for 2 no 4 bed houses

Following lengthy discussion the it was resolved to Object to this planning application given that it is outside the settlement boundary and is too close to a protected view and it will reduce the rural outlook.

The single key element is where building may, or may not be appropriate. It is one of the sites that were identified as a possibility, for building. The applicants already work in the village and it is not for an essential worker therefore the application is in conflict with the neighbourhood plan.

Councillors noted that whilst The Field House east of the site was granted planning permission some years prior, this was at a time when the Neighbourhood Plan did not carry significant weight and also when Babergh could not demonstrate a five year housing land supply. Neither of these factors are currently true.

**DC/21/05464** The Nook 7 Heseltine Close Assington Suffolk CO10 5AL Full Planning Application: Construction of new vehicular access from The Street together with alterations to drive. Following lengthy discussion it was resolved to object to this planning application.

Planning permission is in place for 3 houses and the applicant quite reasonably wants a new drive and already has permission to use it.

The fundamental objection is a runoff problem to an area already prone to flooding. The application is not clear on surface materials which seems to suggest hardstanding/non porous tarmac running into a soakaway.

A different surface which is more sympathetic to the environment would be more agreeable as the existing hard standing would simply add to the problem. with flooding

Councillors noted the applicant's right to create an additional access to the new property and would view an entrance, utilising porous materials to negate the flood risk more favourably, as it will have a less urbanising appearance which is more in keeping with the village.

#### **QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIR**

Agreed in principle to purchase IT equipment for the Clerk. A budget for purchase of computer in the region of £500 for computer with a standard Microsoft software package and security software. Responsibility for choice of equipment was delegated to Cllrs Stacey and Thorogood. Clerk to forward information and research already undertaken.

Updates from Cllr Parker Neighbourhood plan team are struggling for resources. They have to organise a referendum.

Assington Autos no further update.

Meeting concluded at 8pm.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2021**