

# Assington Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 3 January 2024

At Assington Village Hall

**Present:** Simon Thorogood (Chairman), Andrew Hill, Bronwen Stacey, Ian Jordan,  
Helen Wallace, Tony Howcroft, David Wiles

**In attendance:** Christine Hargan (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** for absence

none

2. **Declarations of interests** and **requests for dispensation**

none

3. **Planning:**

a. **Planning applications**

[DC/23/05625](#) Planning Application. Erection of 2No Bungalows including garages with additional parking. Woodside Barracks Road Assington CO10 5LP

**Resolved to oppose** the application on the grounds that:

- I. The proposed development lies a significant distance outside the settlement boundary of the village and therefore does not comply with Assington Neighbourhood Plan policies ASSN1 or ASSN2, or NPPF policies regarding isolated development.
- II. The proposed development is in the Area of Local Landscape Sensitivity, and the proposal does not protect or enhance the special landscape qualities of the area. It is therefore in conflict with Policy ASSN7.
- III. The Environmental Survey appears to be inaccurate; Councillors are aware of an abundance of wildlife on the site and the development proposal does not comply with Policy ASSN11 as it would result in a loss of habitat and biodiversity.

[DC/23/05547](#) Householder Application - Conversion of existing cart lodge and outbuilding to form annexed accommodation for elderly relatives and installation of 2No. ground solar array panels.

Dillacks Farm Colchester Road Assington Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LT

**Resolved no comment**

[DC/23/05548](#) Application for Listed Building Consent - Conversion of existing cart lodge and outbuilding to form annexed accommodation for elderly relatives.

Dillacks Farm Colchester Road Assington Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LT

**Resolved no comment**

[DC/23/05459](#) Full Planning Application - Erection of single storey self-build dwelling Land North Of Assington Barns The Street Assington Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LW

**Resolved to support** the application as it is consistent with Neighbourhood Plan policies, specifically ASSN1 and ASSN6. It was noted that the significantly reduced density of this application compared to previously refused applications on this site, allowed the Parish Council to support it on this occasion.

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[DC/23/04891](#) Householder Application - Construction of two storey side / rear extension, part single storey rear extension, vehicular access and driveway (following demolition of existing single storey extension).

4 The Gurdons Assington Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LW

**Resolved no comment**

- b. Consider any planning application received since the agenda was posted  
None

## 4. Finance

- a. Consider Budget and Precept for 2024/25

The budget was approved and the Precept set at £10,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running despite significant inflationary pressures. This was made possible in part by the interest payable on the content of the deposit account.

- b. Confirm that all signatories are now active on the Unity Trust Bank account.

Three signatories are active and one is awaiting a replacement code from UT bank.

- i. Transfer of remaining funds from Barclays to Unity Trust

The letter of instruction to Barclays bank to calculate interest and pay the balance of both accounts to Unity Trust bank deposit account was signed by all signatories and witnessed by the Clerk. The letter will be sent to Barclays “signed for”

- ii. Resolved to adopt the amendments to the Financial Regulations as distributed by Cllr Howcroft, who further recommended that all permitted expenditure should be paid from CIL funds as this legitimately transfers funds ringfenced CIL funds which may be clawed back to the parish council’s general reserves.

- c. Resolved to approve payment of expenses Cllr Hill for purchase of Christmas Tree, £89.99

## 5. Questions to the Chair

Assington Autos: planning application is still outstanding. Clerk to forward BDC Policy on scrap yards to Cllr Wallace for consideration of a response.

Condolences were extended to Cllr Jordan on the sad passing of former Councillor Matthew Green.

The meeting was closed at 8.25pm