



PARISH COUNCIL OF Walsham le Willows

Minutes of the special meeting held on Tuesday 28th October 2020 commencing at 7.00 p.m. **Online via Zoom due to Coronavirus restrictions. Members of the public were able to join the meeting to observe or make representations by using the following credentials:**

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Meeting ID: 831 8137 3270 Passcode: 749940

PRESENT Cllrs , Bartholomew, Belson, Ellis, Kinnair & Roberts.

1 FIRST BUSINESS

1.1 **Acceptance of apologies** – Clerk advised apologies Cllrs. Arbon which were accepted.

1.2 **To receive pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests** of members, none declared.

1.3 **To consider applications for dispensation**, none required.

1.4.1 Public Open Forum

Richard Martineau kindly attended at request of Clerk to discuss his application with Councillors.

2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (plus any received after the publication of this agenda)

APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DETERMINATION - DC/20/04714

Proposal: Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a Building for Agricultural or Forestry use. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of bulk grain store. **Location:** Four Ashes Farm, Badwell Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk

The fact of the submission of this application had been added to the last monthly meeting agenda for Councillors to note; at that time, no request for comment had been received by the Clerk from the planning authority. This request was subsequently received in between regular meetings for a rapid response within 7 days and by 29th October.

The Parish Council had to decide if it would support this as a 'permissive application' i.e. without it having to be subject to the usual planning process, or to request that it be subject to the usual planning process.

There was a lengthy discussion and strong views put on both sides of the argument with most councillors having great sympathy with both positions. The Parish Council found it exceedingly difficult to come to a decision on this; the resolution to make no comment was passed by just one vote with one abstention. Therefore, the Parish Council decided to allow this as a permissive application without requesting of the planning authority that it be subject to the prior approval process.

3 Play Area Next Steps

Play Council/Parish Council governance relationship In the light of Cllr Belson's email about costs, the Clerk asked for clarification on the decision made in the meeting on 8th September 2020 (agenda item 6.2) to proceed on the estimate of £1800 = vat for solicitors fees in order to progress this matter.

It was agreed that the decision taken stands and the Clerk should proceed to formally request a new lease from the Old Town Trust and to instruct solicitors to act for the Parish Council in this.

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN (No decisions made under AOB)

- 4.1** Cllr Bartholomew raised the issue of the 200 Club and said that email communications with Cllr Meyer had indicated that a parishioner had been in contact with him and he had advised contacting David Price at MSDC for advice on licenced lotteries. At the time of the meeting it was not know if this advice was sought.

Meeting closed 20:15

Kevin Boardley, Proper Officer, Clerk to Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council