

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held in Sancroft Hall on Tuesday 6 November 2018

Present: Garry Deeks, Alex Day, Philip Eastgate, Tom Lindsay, Tracy Livingstone, Ian Smith, Nick Stolls, Rachael Troughton, Andrew Vessey, Dave Wheeler.

In attendance: Andy Parris (clerk).

One member of the public was present.

The chairman's welcome included a suggestion that in future site visits could be arranged on the Saturday before a committee meeting. This would enable councillors to fully appreciate the context of any applications. The necessity and benefits of such visits were agreed. The details of how to do it could be set out in new terms of reference for the committee.

- 18.1 Apologies for absence: There were none.
- 18.2 Declarations of interest: RT declared a pecuniary interest in the item
- 18.3 Dispensations: A request received from RT had been accepted before the meeting
- 18.4 Public forum: The member of the public explained to the council the operation of heat exchange pumps when used as part of a house heating system. Councillors were supportive of the use of this relatively quiet and eco-friendly form of heating in new housing in the village.
- 18.5 The meeting considered the following applications:
 - i DC/18/04588 The council unanimously agreed to support this application. The council discussed whether removal all in one go would affect the surrounding ground. The tree warden offered to give advice. The council urges the applicant to plant a new birch tree in a more appropriate spot.
 - ii DC/18/04676 The council was uncertain why it had received this, but is supportive of the heat pump idea.
 - iii DC/18/04699 Councillors approved unanimously this application. They welcomed the plans that will bring into commercial and leisure use buildings that are too small to be used on a modern farm. The council noted the likely benefits to the parish of changing economic activity, including opportunities for casual and permanent employment. It feels that such plans for economic renewal, drawn up with the advice of relevant agencies from the start (e.g. Suffolk Highways, licensed ecologist, Suffolk Archaeology), are good models for the future development of redundant buildings in our area.
 - iv DC/18/04772. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal and recommended approval.

- 18.6 Extra item: The MSDC Development Control Committee A meeting to consider the three large housing proposals is set for Wednesday 21 November explained proposed how the council should present its views and gave details of meetings to be held prior to the 21st.

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Chairman.

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