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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 March at 7.30pm. This was a 'Zoomed' meeting.

**Present:** Councillors Alex Brockhurst, Garry Deeks, Philip Eastgate, Tom Lindsay, Nigel Lucker, Trevor Orchard, Nick Stolls, Rachael Troughton, Neil Venton, Di Warne (Chair).

**Also in Attendance:** 23 members of the public; Andy Parris, clerk to the council.

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- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Also, she explained that like all council meetings it was not a public meeting but one that the public had a right to attend. If a member of the public wanted to make a comment (s)he could do this during the public forum (item 4 on the agenda.)
- 2 Apologies for absence. There were none.
- 3 Members' declarations of interest. Cllr NV declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7 on the agenda.
- 4 The public forum. Four people made statements. They were all concerned with the way the new Baptist Chapel differs from the original plans. Three people described the negative effect these changes will have on residents. One person confirmed that whatever changes and mitigation measures are recommended or required by Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) will be put in place.
- 5 To respond to planning applications
  - 1 DC/21/00812. Notification of works to trees in a conservation area. The Moat House, Church Farm Green, Fressingfield. IP21 5ST. Councillors noted they had been invited to comment as the address is in the conservation area. The council recommends approval of this work.
  - 2 DC/21/01033. Erection of garden shed/log store. Applewood, Victoria Terrace, Fressingfield. IP21 5QA. Councillors noted they had been invited to comment as the address is in the conservation area. The council recommends approval of this work.
- 6 To clarify issues relating to the hybrid planning application on Red House Farm, Priory Road, Fressingfield. MSDC has explained that the application for houses and the access road on this site have not yet been given final planning permission. Therefore, no work can begin. Councillors want an explanation from MSDC of the permission given for the work planned for the new scout hut. In particular, whether permission has been given to access the site using Priory Road and what work can be undertaken before the access road from New Street is completed. Given problems elsewhere in the village, councillors require clarity over how surface water and sewage are to be dealt with.

**Clerk to contact MSDC for clarification of these matters.**

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7 To discuss the acoustic report and scheme of mitigation for the new Baptist Chapel site and reconsider condition 3 (DC/21/00405). Councillors are not happy that the Parish Council has been asked for its views on discharging condition 12 before the environmental health officer (EHO) report has been submitted. It is this report that the Parish Council expects will provide objective comments on both the acoustic assessment and proposed noise mitigation measures.

Cllr DW reported that she and Cllr NS had been to a garden in Oatfields to look at the new chapel from the residents' perspective, particularly the change in windows and doors. They also heard residents' concerns about possible noise and light issues. After a discussion about the many matters around this application, the council decided that it would not add comments to those made at the February meeting. However, the council does not think it has been provided with enough information on conditions 3, 12 and 13. The council is concerned that it had been asked to make recommendations and then technical reports and professional judgements were added to the list of documents available. This was after the consultation period had been extended.

It was agreed to request another extension to the closing date on this application until all reports have been received and any proposed changes formally submitted to MSDC.

**Clerk to request this extension from MSDC.**

**Clerk to request that the application goes to planning committee and is not dealt with by an officer under the scheme of delegation.**

**Clerk to ascertain whether the previously submitted response can be rescinded.**

8 To hear an update about the application for 18 homes on land off Post Mill Lane.

The Chair informed the council that this application would be heard by Planning Committee B on 3/3/21. The recommendation by officers is to refuse the application.

**Clerk to provide councillors with links to MSDC YouTube channel + the agenda for the meeting**

9 Matters brought to the meeting. There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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Chair

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