

Minutes of the planning committee meeting held on Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 7.30pm at Sancroft Hall

Present: Councillors Garry Deeks, Philip Eastgate, Tom Lindsay, Nick Stolls, Rachael Troughton, Neil Venton

Also in Attendance: Andy Parris, clerk to the council.

- 1 In the absence of Di Warne, the Vice Chair, Cllr NS, chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 Apologies for absence: Were received from Cllrs A Brockhurst (personal and sickness) D Warne (sickness), N Lucker (sickness), S Moore (business) and T Orchard (personal) These were all accepted.
- 3 Members' declarations of interest. There were none.
- 4 To record details of any lobbying relating to agenda items. There were none.
- 5 No members of the public were present therefore there was no public forum.
- 6 To respond to planning applications:
 - 1 Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council planning reference DC/21/05487 Creation of four wildlife ponds for great crested newts. Fressingfield Hall, Gules Green Lane, Fressingfield
The council discussed some of the practical problems in creating these ponds. The council supports this application
 - 2 DC/21/05879 Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed erection, extension, or alteration for a building for agriculture or forestry use. West House Farm, New Street, Fressingfield. The council decided that this is a technical matter that will be determined by the district council. The parish council supports local farmers who are looking for ways to maintain and improve their businesses under the new post-Brexit grant regime.
The Fressingfield Neighbourhood Development Plan (accepted by the district council in March 2020) states that, 'The landscape setting of any rural settlement is one of the key attributes that goes towards defining the character of that settlement.' The parish council believes that a screen of trees, planted on its eastern side would help to soften the almost industrial nature of this building, and its effects on the views looking out from the village.
- 7 The clerk reported.
 - 1 The application for a new vehicular entrance to Poppy View on Harleston Road has been refused.
 - 2 There has been no response to the clerk's email to SAFE asking how the misinformation about the school and the medical practice was to be corrected. This misinformation was on a flyer circulated around the village in August.
- 8 Matters brought to the meeting
 - 1 Urgent – the council agreed to
 - a raise the issue for frequent water leaks at the bottom of Harleston Road with Essex and Suffolk Water
 - b fly the Union Flag at the Cemetery on Remembrance Day
 - 2 For inclusion on a future agenda - should the council declare a climate emergency?

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

