

**MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2020
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING AT 5 PM**

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, Penny Calnan, Dave Finch Pascoe Gibbons, Philippa Harris, 1 member of the public and the Clerk – Sarah Partridge

John Hume welcomed everyone to the remote Parish Council meeting. The Chair explained that the meeting will be recorded by the Parish Council. Anyone wishing to speak should raise their hand. The meeting is reliant on an internet connection and power and should either of these fail for participants the meeting will continue even if some members are unable to connect so long as the Council remains quorate. There will, as usual, be the opportunity for members of the public to speak during Parish Time, the public participation session.

85/20 APOLOGIES - were received and accepted from Andrew Rogers.

Absent - Kevin Pratt

86/20 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

87/20 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received.

88/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2020 were approved as a correct record. The paper copy of the minutes will be signed later.

89/20 PARISH TIME - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PARISHIONERS TO BRING MATTERS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL – None.

90/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Progress:

DC/20/01266 Land South West Of, Vale Lane, Kersey, Suffolk

Proposal: Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved)-Erection of up to 8no. dwellings with parking and access from a new shared driveway with a single access to Hall Road (resubmission of DC/19/01834)

Babergh refused this application on 8 June. This application was refused because it would be contrary to several planning policies. It would be detrimental to the character of the Special Landscape Area and the village as a whole and it would cause less than substantial harm to the setting of Kersey Conservation Area.

b) To consider planning applications received:

DC/20/01974 Kersey Mill, Hadleigh Road, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6DP

Proposal: Application for removal or variation of condition following grant of DC/20/00732 dated 06/05/2020 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Planning Act 1990 - To remove Condition 10 relating to Use Class for units.

There were no comments from members of the public and the applicant was not present. Councillors considered this application for the change of use class for the business units. It was agreed that this proposal would allow more flexibility and support the business at Kersey Mill. It was a unanimous decision to fully support the application.

91/20 TO CONSIDER WHETHER KERSEY REQUIRES ANY INTERVENTIONS TO SUPPORT SOCIAL DISTANCING

Councillors had all seen a copy of the document produced by Babergh with suggested actions to support social distancing. Councillors considered that due to the low numbers of people in Kersey and the likelihood of crowds it was not necessary to implement any measures to support social distancing. The Clerk had been in contact with main Parish assets which involved larger groups of people – The school, church, pub and village hall. They had all seen the Babergh document and had been making their own plans to open safely when the time comes. They did not feel there was any need for additional intervention by the Parish Council in public areas of the parish. It was agreed the Clerk will write to inform Babergh that Kersey Parish Council does not wish to make any interventions to support social distancing, because it is not necessary due to the low levels of footfall in the parish.

92/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - AN OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO BRING MATTERS TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION

Sadly, the old wrought iron bench near The Priory was recently stolen. This has been reported to the police. Councillors will be checking all the other assets are still in place before the insurance company is informed.

The Clerk will make enquiries before the next meeting regarding costs for erecting a new directional sign for Kersey School at the bottom of Mill Lane.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.35 pm.

There are no items appended to these minutes.