

Minutes of Kersey Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on Monday 2 August 2021 at Kersey Village Hall at 6.30pm

Present: John Hume (Chair), Penny Calnan, Pascoe Gibbons and Philippa Harris

In attendance: Sarah Partridge (Clerk)

Absent: Dave Finch

107/21 Apologies – Apologies were received and accepted from Kevin Pratt due to family commitments and Andrew Rogers due to work commitments. Rachel Wells and Steve de Lara-Bell sent their apologies.

108/21 Accept Members' Declarations of Interest – None

109/21 Consider any Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests received from Councillors – None received

110/21 Public forum and reports

a. **Parish Time – Parishioners' opportunity to raise matters and ask questions** - None

111/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 July 2021 were confirmed as being correct and signed.

112/21 Planning applications

a) **Progress** - None

b) **Planning applications to consider**

DC/21/03822 Barn Adjacent To Red House Farm, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EY
Proposal: Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of planning permission DC/18/01595 Dated 08/06/2018 - (Change of use of land to residential curtilage and the erection of a detached two bay cart lodge.) to allow for relocation of Cart Lodge to be in protected zone. Size of Cart Lodge amended to allow for home office. Cart Lodge to be relocated on existing hardstanding area. Roof raised to achieve head height for home office.

The applicant was not present. Councillors considered this application. It was resolved, by a unanimous decision, to object to this proposal due to concerns about the increased height and size of the cart lodge. The Council did not object to the revised location for the cart lodge. If the planning authority is minded to approve the application, then the Parish Council would like to see a condition restricting the use of the cart lodge so it cannot be used for residential accommodation but just for use ancillary to the residential barn conversion. The Parish Council would not like to see this cart lodge become a separate dwelling.

DC/21/03640 Kersey Mill, Hadleigh Road, Kersey, Suffolk IP7 6DP

Proposal: Planning Application - Construction of workshop building for use in conjunction with Kersey Mill, erection of domestic garage (attached to workshop) and domestic outbuilding.

The applicant had sent his apologies. He would normally have attended the meeting but cannot attend considering the current covid position. All consultee comments so far have no objections, there are some proposed conditions from highways, environmental health and heritage (materials). Hadleigh

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Town Council supports the application. Councillors discussed the application. The Parish Council resolved, by a unanimous decision, to support the application, although there were some concerns about continued development at the site. The Parish Council would not like to see any further new development in this location.

113/21 Any other business – Councillors’ opportunity to bring matters to the Council’s attention

It was commented that some Parish Councils make use of social media to publicise their meetings by publishing their agendas. The younger generation tend to use facebook rather than refer to websites. It was agreed to add this to the September agenda for consideration.

A question was asked about the idea of setting up a Parish email alert to keep residents informed of things such as flooding. It was decided not to pursue this. The emergency plan has a protocol to follow in the event of flooding affecting houses in Kersey and residents are encouraged to sign up for flood alerts from the Environment Agency.

Councillors were concerned about the many pot holes which have still not been repaired. Also, the verges in the no through roads have been missed by the cutting contractors again this year. The Clerk will contact Robert Lindsay about this.

A tree has fallen across the verge on the double bend near Williams Green causing a danger to vehicles. The Chair will report this using the SCC highways reporting tool on their website.

Residents in Vale Lane have raised concerns about the lack of grass cutting by Babergh in front of the houses, although some residents like the long grass and wildflowers. It has been suggested that the two main areas of grass in front of the houses should be mown and the rest left for wildlife/wildflowers. The Clerk is to contact Babergh.

It has become apparent that some residents had misunderstood the role of the COVID-19 volunteers. These volunteers are happy to help any residents if they need support but it is up to the residents to contact volunteers to ask for this help. A note will be put in the newsletter.

A zoom meeting is being set up to take forward the community support to help residents reduce their carbon footprint. Penny and Philippa both agreed to try to join this meeting.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 6 September 2021 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

There are no pages appended to these minutes.

Signed

Date