

Minutes of Kersey Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on Monday 24 May 2021 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Sarah Partridge (Clerk)

The Chair welcomed everyone to this first face-to-face meeting of the Parish Council since March 2020. A risk assessment had been carried out for face-to-face meetings and measures taken to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

79/21 Apologies – Apologies were received and accepted from Kevin Pratt and Andrew Rogers due to work commitments.

80/21 Accept Members’ Declarations of Interest - None

81/21 Consider any Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests received from Councillors – None received

82/21 Public forum and reports

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

83/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 May 2021 were confirmed as being correct and signed.

84/21 Planning applications

a) **Progress** - None

b) **Planning applications to consider**

DC/21/02520 Curtis Farm, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Suffolk IP7 6EY

Proposal: Householder Application. Erection of single storey rear garden room (following demolition of existing conservatory). Installation of French doors and sidelights replacing existing window opening with canopy over.

DC/21/02521 Curtis Farm, Wickerstreet Green, Kersey, Suffolk IP7 6EY

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent. Erection of single storey rear garden room (following demolition of existing conservatory). Installation of French doors and sidelights replacing existing window opening with canopy over.

The Parish Council was disappointed that neither the applicant or their agent were present at the meeting. The Parish Council considered both the householder and listed building applications together. It was agreed the proposals were an improvement on the existing structure. It will be more sustainable due to the reduced heat loss and lower levels of light pollution. However, there were some concerns that the proposed garden room and canopy may be a rather modern addition and not in keeping with the listed property. It was unanimously resolved to support the application subject to compliance with the Babergh Heritage Officer’s recommendations.

The Council discussed their disappointment that not many applicants are taking a full interest in the planning process and attending Parish Council meetings when their applications are discussed.

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85/21 Any other business – Councillors’ opportunity to bring matters to the Council’s attention

It was asked when the Parish Council would be able to resume site visits for planning applications. The Chair said site visits were a useful option for complex applications and would be considered on a case-by-case basis. Site visits are not considered necessary for all planning applications. Many application sites can be seen from the public highway and the satellite view on google maps is a valuable tool to help get a good understanding of an application site.

The Chair reminded Councillors to check their Registers of Interests and to inform the Clerk they are correct.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 5 July 2021 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

There are no pages appended to these minutes.

Signed

Date