

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 30th SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7.30pm.**

- Present:** Cllrs J West (Chairman), R Alexander, P Barham, P Baker, C Carr and G Rushen.
C Hibbert (Clerk).
Eight members of the public.
- Apologies:** Cllr H Brewis.

The filming statement was taken as read.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Noted and accepted.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

The following matters were raised in public forum;-

- Concerns were raised about application **DC/19/1720/FUL** (item 5.3 below), namely; lack of information about heating; inadequate parking provision; balcony out of character; concern about precedent being set for new builds in Hawstead;
- query as to relevant planning policy covering housing in Hawstead; the meeting was referred to the FH and SEBC Joint Development Management Plan 2015 Policy DM27;
- Concern was raised about the late posting of the site notice by West Suffolk DC;
- Frustration about repeated **local road closures** for unnecessarily long periods of time by various utility providers; members of public agreed to provide details of such closures to the Clerk to forward to C Cllr.
- Concern about the County Council decision to **withdraw bus route 375** (serving Hawstead, Shimpling, Lawshall, Alpheton and Nowton) with effect from 4 November as a cost saving measure; the meeting heard that Council representatives had met with the deputy leader of the County Council to lobby for retention of the service, but the decision had already been made based on economic unviability; minimal consultation; no consideration given to sixth form students who are not allowed to use the separate school bus service; it was noted that the Council is in touch with other Parish Councils affected by this closure to review the options available to lobby any appropriate authorities for retention of this valuable community service.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3.1 Cllr RA confirmed an interest in items 5.1 and 5.2 as applicant in relation to the relevant planning and listed building consent applications;

3.2 No dispensations granted in relation to any identified pecuniary interests.

4. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 12th SEPTEMBER 2019.

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 12th September 2019 were **APPROVED** and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS

5.3 (taken out of turn) DC/19/1720/FUL Planning Application - 1no. dwelling Location Land Adjoining 1 The Pound Hawstead Suffolk. The applicant gave a statement to the meeting and emphasised the employment opportunities he creates for local tradesmen through his business activities; he confirmed that innovative heating proposals were under development; The Council considered its response to the planning authority, West Suffolk DC, and considered the following: (i) Policy DM27 FH and SEBC JMDP 2015; (ii) the impact on the street scene of the proposals in particular the large windows and balcony, siting of the development in relation to neighbouring property and lack of positive contribution to street scene; (iii) the adequacy of parking provision for the existing and proposed houses; (iv) the scale, character and configuration of the proposals; (v) the sustainability of the proposed new dwelling, given the minimal local services available; (v) the possibility of creating a precedent. The Council **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to OBJECT** to these proposals.

Cllr RA left the meeting at 8.15pm.

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5.1 DC/19/1833/LB Application for Listed Building Consent - 2no. bay cart lodge adjoining existing outbuilding at Pipers Hall, Whepstead Road, Hawstead IP29 4TG; the meeting considered materials, visual impact scale and siting; it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

5.2 DC/19/1832/HH Planning Application - 2no. bay cart lodge adjoining existing outbuilding at Pipers Hall, Whepstead Road, Hawstead IP29 4TG; the meeting considered materials, visual impact scale and siting; it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to **SUPPORT** this application.

Cllr RA joined the meeting at 8.20pm.

6.AOB

The meeting received an update on the community orchard project and it was noted that three quotes for planting materials would be submitted to the Council for approval at the next meeting.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

REVISED DATE Thursday 14th November 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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