

RAYDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2018

Present: Jane Cryer - Clerk (JC)
Nev Davenport (ND)
Christine Hempstead (CH)
Keith Lovering (KL)
Sue Newton - Chairman (SN)
Amanda Pyall - Vice Chairman (AP)

In attendance (part): John Ward, Babergh DC (JW)
Parishioners

Apologies: Kathy Herbig (KH)
Jayne Tann (JT)

Gordon Jones, Suffolk CC (GJ)

18.1.1 APOLOGIES

See above - apologies were accepted from CH, KH and JT.

18.1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

KL and AP declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 18.1.10.3.

18.1.3 LAND ADJACENT TO WATER FARM

The applicants said they welcomed the opportunity to present their initial plans to the PC; no application had yet been submitted. They would be meeting Babergh later in the week to discuss the architectural merits of the proposed house; they had already had an initial consultation with Babergh. The site in question was at the far end of the village and the house would be built at the highest point to maximise views. The London-based architects spoke about the strict criteria in place for any building on open countryside, and the importance placed on the environment and sustainability; they were also talking to Suffolk Wildlife Trust. SCC Highways were being consulted about vehicular access.

18.1.4 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no questions from the parishioners present, who had attended to hear the presentation above.

18.1.5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2017

It was proposed by KL, seconded by AP and agreed unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 December 2017 should be accepted as an accurate record, and signed accordingly.

18.1.6 ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Most of the actions were either ongoing, or were on the agenda. There were updates on the following actions:

18.1.6.1 War Memorial

SN had spoken to the PCC about the War Memorial, which had previously been repaired due to low level cracks in the base. This work had been done some time ago, but unfortunately the Parish Clerk at that time had moved away and most of the records had been lost during the move. SN's

suggestion that a small section of the base should be removed and the structure investigated was agreed; KL would liaise with the PCC.

18.1.7 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

18.1.7.1 Babergh DC

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. With regard to the update on new council houses, SN noted that the houses had been advertised online until 10 January 2018 but JW's report had not been received until after that date. JW noted her request to have the monthly reports circulated earlier in future. KL congratulated Babergh and the Shotley Peninsula Tourism Action Group on the Arthur Ransome initiative; JW said Babergh was looking at how it could help with future events in the district.

18.1.7.2 Suffolk CC

A written report had been circulated prior to the meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. Any questions on this and the November 2017 report were deferred to the February meeting.

18.1.8 FINANCIAL MATTERS

18.1.8.1 RFO's report

It was proposed by CH, seconded by ND and agreed unanimously that payments of £486.07 should be authorised.

18.1.9 PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

The recommendations from the working party on priorities were discussed. With regard to planning development, it was agreed to amend the recommendation to '*ensure the PC opposes any developments over 6 properties*' to '*the PC would look very carefully at any application for a development of over 6 properties*', as each application would be judged on its own merits.

Three initial priorities were agreed:

- To organise an Annual Litter Pick - this would be an agenda item for the February meeting, when a date would be agreed. It was noted that Babergh was able to provide equipment such as litter picks, high-vis jackets and black refuse sacks.
- To explore the possibility of installing a recycling centre for glass etc. SN said this had been included in the original plans for KGF so it would be worth asking Babergh if the plans could be reactivated. JC suggested some funding might be available from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This would be discussed at a future meeting.
- To encourage more social groups/activities in the village by providing some start-up funding. This would be discussed in more detail at the February meeting.

Some residents had welcomed the idea of a community shop; SN suggested asking Bob Feltwell to give a brief presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in order to gauge how much interest and enthusiasm there might be for this sort of project. JW said Babergh's Commercial Team might also be able to help. AP would provide some text for the next issue of Quartet reminding residents about the importance of keeping hedges under control to improve visibility for neighbours and motorists.

18.1.10 PLANNING

18.1.10.1 DC/17/05457 - Shepherds Cottage, Sulleys Hill

It was noted that the application for the erection of a single-storey rear extension and first floor side extension, including roof terrace, had been approved.

18.1.10.2 DC/17/006289 - Land east of KGF, The Street

The application for the erection of 24 dwellings including 8 affordable houses, vehicular access, garaging, parking and open space was discussed. The original application had been for 21 dwellings; councillors expressed concern about the increase. It was noted that an application made in 2014 for two houses on the opposite side of the road, in The Gardens, had been refused; this had

subsequently gone to appeal but had been refused by the Planning Inspector for reasons including limited local facilities, limited employment opportunities and poor transport links. AP commented that, if the application was approved, the developers should be asked to provide play equipment and facilities on the open space. It was agreed that JC would draft a response and circulate it to councillors for comment.

18.1.10.3 DC/17/06158 - The Green, The Street

KL and AP had declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.

The application for change of use of land for the stationing of a holiday-let lodge with new vehicular access was discussed. SN noted that pre-application advice had been sought from Babergh, via the Planning department. ND expressed concern about the proximity of the proposed lodge to the property next door, which was listed. All councillors were concerned about the access onto The Street, approaching a blind bend, particularly as holidaymakers would not be familiar with the village. SN said access would also be a problem when the building was delivered, as the road would have to be closed for a time. Councillors agreed that they would like to see the plans reconsidered and thought given to the possibility of putting the lodge on the other side. It was proposed by SN, seconded by CH and agreed unanimously to object to the application.

18.1.11 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

JC said the position was still not clear and conflicting advice was being circulated. It was agreed that this would be a standard agenda item in future so that she could keep councillors updated.

18.1.12 HIGHWAYS / ROADS

KL's paper was noted. It was agreed that speed signs would be helpful; SN would invite a representative from Holton St Mary PC to a future meeting to share their experiences. She also suggested providing 30mph signs for residents' wheelie bins as in Higham - JC would ask whether these were available from Babergh, and would also contact the Chairman of Higham Parish Meeting. JC would follow up her request to SCC Highways for a site meeting to discuss a 'no left turn' for lorries into Woodlands Road, and the extension of the 30mph speed limit beyond the entrance to Raydon Hall. AP would re-submit her complaint about the badly corroded sign on the B1070 and would include a photo. JC would ask SCC to consider gritting Woodlands Road in bad weather. JC had received an email from Suffolk Police informing her that they had carried out a check on speeding vehicles and, as a result, the enforcement team would be reinstating regular checks.

18.1.13 CORRESPONDENCE

18.1.13.1 Requests for new street signs

Babergh had notified JC that requests had been made for new signs at Acacia Road and Woodlands Road; the PC would be expected to meet the costs of these. It was agreed that JC would request more information from Babergh and this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

18.1.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on Tuesday 20 February 2018, in the Pavilion.

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