



MINUTES

Meeting of the Woolverstone Parish Council

Thursday 5th December 2019 7.30pm at Berners Hall

- 1. Apologies:** Councillor Gould, Councillor Wood, Matthew March, Phil Mayhew, Jen Young.
- 2. Attendance:** Simon Pearce, Elspeth Iskander, Jon Mann, Simon Kent, Allison Glading
- 3. Declaration of any prejudicial interest** – None.

4. Parishioners

Roger Balmer (Architect) and Geoff Mayhew advised there has been continued work with the application for houses being located as advised in April. At present they propose: 4 bungalows on the Main Road – 2 pairs – between Widows Homes and Berners Hall; at the entrance to the village before the 30 mph sign 3 pairs of 3 bedroom houses at the height of other properties in that area. The remainder of proposed houses will be full height houses. In total there are 22 properties planned. Plans will be submitted towards the end of January.

It is proposed that “additional” land will be given adjacent to Berners Hall, this could be used as additional car park / grassed overspill area. It is proposed that there would then be land between this and the new bungalows which would remain in Geoff Mayhew's ownership but be protected under a possible section 106. There is a cycle path planned, 2.5 metres wide to run from the village to Holbrook. This would be maintained by Geoff Mayhew.

Simon Pearce will respond to questions about the car park and open space after seeking views of the Berners Hall Management Committee by Thursday, 12th December.

5. Minutes

14th November 2019 – proposed – Jon Mann, seconded – Simon Kent.

6. Matters Arising

Sarah Rogers advised that with immediate effect she would be stepping down from the Parish Council.

Councillor Wood is progressing the speed limit application.

Simon Pearce has spoken to the Head Office of the company who own and manage Spring Lodge with regard to lighting, skip siting and banners.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors

Councillor Wood

This was circulated. There were no questions.

Simon Pearce will approach the Suffolk County Footpath Officer and discuss the footpath that runs across the corner of Dairy House land. This path needs to be clearly marked and cleared so that it is not lost.

Councillor Gould

This was circulated. There were no questions.

Simon Pearce wrote to Adam Golding advising "tree for life", he is awaiting a reply.

8. VE and VJ

Friends of Woolverstone are offering to manage VJ Day on 15th August. There will be a BBQ with possible music.

VE Day on 8th May – Simon Pearce asked everyone to consider possible options.

9. Date for Annual Parish

The date was agreed as 21st May 2020. Kathryn Deaton tendered apologies, an alternative minute taker will need to be found.

10. Finance

£1875 SIL money

Current balance £5182.

A payment of £4,000 will be made to Berners Hall which includes to be added a donation from Friends of Woolverstone of £2,000.

The precept was discussed and it was agreed there would be no increase in 2020. This will need to be signed off in the January meeting.

Elsbeth Iskander asked for the charity donations to be reconsidered. She asked for "HomeStart" to be considered. Simon Kent asked if we should consider supporting charities assisting our parishioners. It was decided that this would be discussed at the January meeting.

The website hosts "CAS" ask for payment by PayPal or BAC's. The Parish Council only have cheques. Simon Pearce will contact them.

11. Correspondence

Andrew Marsh Historic England has not supported Babergh's relocation of settlement boundary.

Simon Kilgour, CMS Cameron Insurance, says he will continue to assist with regards settlement boundaries in hamlets.

12. Planning.

None.

13. Berners Hall

Nothing to report.

Simon Pearce will write to Judy Cracknell and thank her for her contribution to the village hall.

14. Friends of Woolverstone

Punch and Pie was well advertised. Discussion followed over the timing of the event to encourage more attendance.

15. AOB

None.

16. G.Mayhew Proposal

Discussion followed over the proposal. As future consultee's it was decided that the Parish Council should not confirm a view, pending any approval of the planning by Babergh. If, however, permission was granted the PC would welcome an open discussion.

Meeting Closed at 2120

Signed:

Simon Pearce, Chairman.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, 5th December 2019