

THURSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Thurston Planning Committee MEETING held on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 6.00pm by VIDEOCONFERENCE of Thurston Parish Council.

Present (by video): Cllrs. Dashper (Chair), Haley, Morris, Rainbow and West. Also in attendance (by video): Mrs V Waples, Parish Clerk.

1. **MINUTES SILENCE** – HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh – in recognition of the recent death of HRH Prince Philip,
2. **OPENING** – the Chairman opened the meeting advising all that the Video Protocol adopted by the Parish Council, would be enacted for this meeting. *A copy of the Protocol is available from the Clerk or can be downloaded from the website: <https://thurstonparishcouncil.uk/parish-council/policies-procedures-and-strategy/>.*
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** –
 - a) There were no applicable apologies for absence.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST FROM COUNCILLORS INCLUDING GIFTS OF HOSPITALITY EXCEEDING £25** –
 - a) To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) and personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature including gifts of hospitality exceeding £25 – there were no declarations declared for the agenda under discussion.
 - b) To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – there were none declared.
 - c) To receive requests for dispensations – there were none received.
5. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:** (all as previously circulated) and to agree that delegated authority be given to the Chair to sign the minutes outside of the meeting:
 - a) Minutes of the planning committee meeting of 17th March 2021 - all agreed that the minutes as presented were a true and accurate record of the meeting that took place, aif.
6. **PUBLIC FORUM:** *due to government advice relating to public meetings, it was confirmed that the Meeting ID and Password for this meeting had been made available via the website and the parish noticeboards for those who wished to join the meeting* – whilst there were no members of the public present, the meeting was made aware of comments from a member of the public concerning DC/21/01485 – a summary of which was provided to the meeting:
 - site exposed to views within the public realm.
 - site (partially) surrounded by open agricultural field.
 - detrimental to the landscape and intrusive into the countryside.
 - out of keeping with, and would have harmful impacts on, the rural character and appearance of the area.
 - greater urbanisation, and more domestic paraphernalia.
 - Impact on biodiversity
 - Concern at the impact of granting permission for the site in general and the precedent that will be set.
7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED:**
 - a) DC/21/01485 – Full planning application for change of use of land to form gardens to serve Plots 2 and 3 @ land south of Barrells Road – likelihood that there will be a further application for this area of land, another attempt to get more houses on this site. All agreed with the comments raised by the member of the public and were concerned at the growing blot at the landscape at this point of the village. It was agreed that PC had been consistent in recommending refusal on this site including the amendments and adjustments for this area. It was further agreed that there was a

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real concern that in effect this application was providing an access to get onto the land by another route. The meeting agreed with comments submitted that approval of this application would lead to further individual applications to extend gardens to the rear of other properties on the site along with potential applications for the severance of gardens one or more further dwellings on this field. The meeting agreed that it was in effect a change of use for the land and that in being consistent it should be recommended for refusal, aif. It was also agreed that Cllrs. Turner and Richardson be requested to call this application in for committee consideration and not dealt with under Officer approval, aif.

- b) DC/21/01638 – Householder Planning Application – erection of a single storey side extension for benefit of use for registered disabled person @ 52A Oakey Field Road – it was noted that this was within a fenced off area of the plot, in-keeping with that which was already in place and the proposal was for a laudable reason and should be fully supported given its aims. All agreed that the application should be recommended for approval, aif.
- c) DC/21/01643 - Householder Planning Application – erection of a two-storey side extension and front porch, creation of parking including dropped kerb (following demolition of existing porch) @ 18 Oakey Field Road – the meeting agreed that it still an issue with the access even though there had been a slight change in the location of the extension. Access was still an issue given the location of the proposal in such proximity to the confines of the highway as well as the issue of safe manoeuvring within the site. The comments made by SCC Highways Department for the previous application on this site were still valid and the committee agreed that it would recommend refusal of the application, aif.
- d) DC/21/01615 – Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) of planning permission DC/19/05377 dated 10.02.20 – erection of 2 no detached dwellings and garages. To allow design changes and repositioning of Plot 2 only @ land north of Cedars Close – not material to the impact of the dwellings but all agreed that the Parish Council had no further comments to make on this application, aif.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED: to receive details of the planning applications considered by the Local Planning Authority (Mid Suffolk District Council):

- a) DC/20/00342 - Permission granted for works to Trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order MS128/G1 - Oak Tree @ 13 The Acorns
- b) DC/21/00302 – Discharge of Conditions – Application for DC/19/03486 – Condition 22 (Water and Efficiency Measures) @ land South West of Beyton Road
- c) DC/21/01215 – Permission granted for works to Trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order MS81 – A1 – Beech @ Thurston Place, Beyton Road
- d) DC/21/00915 – Discharge of Conditions Application for 4963/16 – Condition 25 (Railway Users Plan) @ land to the West of Ixworth Road
- e) DC/21/00417 – Planning permission for the erection of first floor extension over garage to form home office and single storey front extension (resubmission of DC/20/02953) @ The Firs and Stockhold Green Farm, Church Road
- f) DC/21/01153 – Non-material amendment – permission granted for the revision sought to alter footpath / cycleway to serve new residential development together with landscaping, tree planting and boundary fencing at Thurston Community College @ land to the West of Ixworth Road.
- g) DC/21/00474 – Planning permission for the erection of front porch @ 22 Howes Avenue.

9. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:

- a) Requirement to add a further meeting in given new plans that have been received – 28th April @ 6.00pm – via Zoom Video conferencing platform.
- b) 19th May 2021 – venue and format - commencing at 6.00pm.

10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – there being no other business the meeting was closed at 18.28.

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Appendix A - Glossary of Common Abbreviations used

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BUAB	Built Up Area Boundary
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils
CC	Credit Card
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
Chq.	Cheque
Cllr.	Councillor
CMP	Construction Management Programme
Cttee.	Committee
DC	District Council
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
DD	Direct Debit
EHO	Environmental Health Officer
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
HRA	Habitats Regulations Assessment
JR	Judicial Review
LAIS (from SALC)	Local Association's Information Services
LGBCE	Local Government Boundary Commission for England
LPA	Local Planning Authority
MSDC	Mid Suffolk District Council
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NR	Network Rail
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
Pdf	Portable Document Format
PIISG	Parish Infrastructure Investment Steering Group
Rec.	Recreation
RFO	Responsible Financial Officer
SARS	Suffolk Accident Rescue Service
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SNT	SaferNeighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
SPS	Suffolk Preservation Society
TCC	Thurston Community College
TNPSG	Thurston Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
TRO	Traffic Regulation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign

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