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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 7.30pm. This was a 'Zoomed' meeting.

**Present:** Councillors Alex Brockhurst, Garry Deeks, Philip Eastgate, Tom Lindsay, Nigel Lucker, Trevor Orchard, Nick Stolls, Rachael Troughton, Neil Venton, Andrew Vessey and Di Warne (Chair).

**Also in Attendance:** 2 members of the public; Andy Parris, clerk to the council.

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- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 Apologies for absence: There were none.
- 3 Members' declarations of interest. There were none.
- 4 The public forum. A parishioner raised concerns about differences between the appearance of new Baptist Chapel and the original plans. There are changes to windows and doors on the western elevation of the chapel. Some parishioners feel that the changes will result in an invasion of their privacy. A second parishioner explained that the changes were on drawings submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council when the developer requested approval of the materials to be used on the outside of the building.
- 5 Councillors discussed these concerns and felt that there should have been consultation on changes that affected the privacy of parishioners. The clerk said it was his understanding that an application for material changes to the original plans, would be open to consultation.

**Clerk to get clarification from MSDC Enforcement department.**

- 6 To respond to planning applications
  - 1 DC/20/04380 Removal of partially damaged wall and the construction of a parking area. Creation of vehicular access(retrospective). 2, Elm Villa, Laxfield Road, Fressingfield. IP21 5PW. Councillors discussed causes of a recent incident of flooding in the area. They were informed that the flooding had been a highways issue that was now resolved. MSDC are content with the work that has been done. The council agreed to recommend approval of this application.
  - 2 DC/20/04843 Listed Building Consent. Repair and renovation of the pantile roof as per schedule of works. Mulberry Cottage Laxfield Road Fressingfield. IP21 5PY The council agreed to recommend approval of this application.
  - 3 DC/20/05138 Listed Building Consent Removal of external cement render, repairs to timber frame, inserting insulation to cavity, re-rendering using fibre chalk lime render on oak or larch lathes, as per schedule of works. Lodge Farm, Gules Green Lane, Fressingfield. IP21 5BW. The parish council agreed to support this application.

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- 4 DC/20/03457. Details for the Outline Planning Permission for Layout, Landscaping, Appearance and Scale for the construction of up to 28 dwellings. Land and buildings at Red House Farm, Priory Road, Fressingfield. The council recommended refusal of this application. The flood risk document does not show how any excess surface water would be dealt with satisfactorily. Also, many issues previously raised by the council and Suffolk Highways Authority have not been resolved.
  - 7 The council discussed the meeting of MSDC Development Control Committee on 25/11/20. Councillors were shocked that officers advised committee members that Fressingfield's Neighbourhood Development Plan carried little weight in planning decisions. The officers suggested that this was because the district council's Joint Local Plan is out of date. After three hours discussion, the Development Control Committee decided to take further legal advice and postponed a decision on new housing on Post Mill Lane. The professional officers appeared unprepared for the meeting and gave poor advice to the district councillors on this committee. If left to stand, this advice undermines the importance of all NDPs. This is even though the plans have been produced after extensive democratic exercises across their parishes. The parish council decided to complain to MSDC chief executive about the district council's officers and the way they supported councillors.
  - 8 The parish council agreed that MSDC had organised a lengthy consultation exercise in writing its new Joint Development Plan. Councillors agreed that there was no point in taking part in the latest consultation on the plan as the consultation is not concerned with the details of the plan.
  - 9 Matters brought to the meeting for inclusion on a future agenda: drainage issues in the village.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed: *D L Warne*  
D L Warne (Dec 27, 2020 14:28 GMT)

Chair

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