
Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 January 2021 at 7.30pm. This was a 'Zoomed' meeting.

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

Also in attendance: One member of the public and Andy Parris, clerk to the council.

- 1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2 Apologies for absence Received from P Eastgate (technical reasons) and accepted.
- 3 Members' declarations of interest NV's membership of the Baptist Church was noted. It was confirmed that this would not preclude him from participating in agenda item 6.
- 4 The public forum It was pointed out that most building sites work from 7.30am. The condition for work at the School Lane site is for an 8.00am start. This discrepancy is one reason for the appeal against the Mid Suffolk District Council decision to maintain the working hours condition in the planning agreement for this site. (See item 6.)
- 5 To respond to planning applications
DC/20/05062. Conversion of attached front cart shed into living accommodation. Tythe Barn, Laxfield Rd, Fressingfield. IP21 5PY. The council recommends approval of this application. Councillors felt this conversion was in keeping with the existing appearance; it enables a growing family to stay in the home; and they recognise the positive social aspects of the family being able to foster children for SCC. The council's Neighbourhood Development Plan deals mainly with larger developments. However, this conversion would be in harmony with important parts of the plan, including its vision for the parish: it is a design incorporating elements of Fressingfield's vernacular style whilst utilising existing buildings. (NDP vision, and objectives 8 and 12.)
- 6 To consider if a response is needed to the appeal against MSDC refusal to alter working hours on new Baptist Chapel site. The council decided that there is no need to change its original opposition to the application. **The clerk to email the inspector considering the appeal reinforcing the council's views.**
- 7 Matters brought to the meeting.
 - 1 Councillors gave brief feedback following visits to the site of the new Baptist Chapel. It was agreed that such visits would be valuable for any future applications. They allow councillors to add colour and context to an application.
 - 2 Concern was expressed about the impact on Fressingfield of large developments in local parishes.
 - 3 **Clerk to clarify whether the council can or should make comments on development plans before an application is made.**
 - 4 Practical and health issues relating to Covid-19 were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed: *D.L. Warne*
D.L. Warne (Jan 22, 2021 22:30 GMT)

Chair

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