

Wednesday 26th June 2019 at Old Newton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs J Miller (Chair), M Reeve, M Clements (Vice Chair), A Perkowski, M Helliwell, K Goudy and K Hall-Price (Clerk), and 23 members of the public.

1. Chairman's welcome and to receive any apologies for absence – Cllrs J Harbidge and K Baker have submitted their apologies for not being in attendance this evening.

2. Dispensations:

- a) To consider any requests for dispensations – No new dispensation received
- b) To note existing dispensations. The standing dispensation for Cllr Clements in respect of the proposed development land between Silver Street and Finningham Road and Cllr Reeve in respect of the proposed development of the Greenacres Site.

3. To receive any declarations of personal / prejudicial interest. None received.

4. Planning Applications Received

- **DC/19/02613** Application for reserved matters – Submission of details under Outline Planning permission DC/17/05761 varied by section 73 Permission DC/19/00818 – appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for erection of two detached dwellings (phase 2b only) on Land south east of Chapel Road, Old Newton. Planning response required by 24th June. Application detailed received Monday 3rd June – not enough time to consider at June meeting, extension of time to respond requested and granted to 5th July 2019 but changed to be responded by 28th June.

Cllrs stated that the elevation appears to have been turned and changed to facilitate a larger south facing garden, the issue with this is that now the upper floor windows will overlook neighbouring properties. The original plan kept the view from the road to a minimum the new planned upstairs window is huge and Cllrs felt will give cause for privacy issues.

Cllrs also felt that the plans are not in keeping with the character of that area of the village. That area of Chapel Road is made up of small cottages and semi-detached houses and this is a large 5 bedroomed property. Proposal was made to object to the size of the property as it is not in keeping with the area and in changing the elevation increases the impact on the neighbours and gives rise to privacy issues and being overlooked. This was seconded and all Cllrs present agreed unanimously. Application is objected to by the parish council and the Parish Council recommend refusal by MSDC.

- **DC/19/02878.** Outline Planning Application (some matters reserved – Access and Landscaping to be considered) – Erection of up to 64 dwellings (including 22 affordable dwellings) on land off Church Road, Old Newton, IP14 4EF. Response required by 10th July 2019. ***Please note this will be discussed again at the July monthly Parish Council Meeting on 3rd July 2019.***

Some residents have not had consultation letters. Clerk to raise with MSDC.

Historically this area was identified as the parish councils preferred area of land for development. The 24 houses originally requested were rejected by the parish council and it was eventually given outline planning permission by MSDC.

The development by Artisan includes considerably more houses and areas that are over and above the area designated as preferred development land. They have assumed that by creating a new access that this would solve some of the objections to the previous development.

The Chair closed the meeting to allow members of the public to make their representation.

Residents feel very strongly that this isn't in the local development plan. Artisan are asking to build on green belt land. They need to prove that they have exhausted all other options of land in the village. There are other towns that could take this number of builds and what they are suggesting is not proportionate to what is required. The local plan sets out the area and this has not gone through consultation yet. A large part of the development will remain in the green belt. Old Newton is identified as a hinterland village not a core village. Parishioners would

like the Parish Council to challenge why is it even being considered. Firstly the application is outside the village boundary and will affect the character of the area in the curtilage of grade II listed cottages and a barn. All existing properties will be incredibly overlooked. The area of land is not part of the local plan and not part of the approved area to develop therefore the application is within the green belt. The draft paper was only issued this week and the consultation has not begun yet.

Parishioners are concerned if the village can survive and sustain the amount of additional parishioners 64 new houses on this site plus the Finnigham road Site of 56 new houses will bring – The school is already over-subscribed, with the additional housing being developed in Haughley and Bacton the shared medical centre services from Mendlesham and Bacton will also be over subscribed. Stowmarket medical services are already over-subscribed. The access from the new development to the school is unsafe as it is. The sports day today at the primary school has proven just how difficult it is presently without increasing the numbers further.

Agricultural access – it has never been used as such.

Car parking is already felt to be an issue on church road and it gets bottle necked when there are any events in the village without adding this development and building construction traffic into the mix.

The proposal by the development company is not a true reflection and is embellished. There are lots of incorrect points within the report that parishioners are not happy with as it shows a different perspective to what is the reality.

It is believed that the development for the village of Old Newton is out of proportion to the existing size of the village as a proportion of MSDC growth plan. The draft consultation paper for the local plan sets out the number of houses proportionate to the village as a hinterland village. Parishioners are asking if it is even reasonable to expect to take the number of houses being planned and asked the parish council to reiterate MSDC own data from their own draft paper.

The chair brought the parish council meeting back into session and re-iterated that this application will be discussed again at the July monthly parish council meeting on 3rd July and the Clerk will make notes of the points raised tonight for the Cllrs to have as reference when formulating their response to MSDC regarding this application. All members of the public are welcome to attend the July meeting.

5. Cllrs matters to be brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

- Bin day Change – The Clerk has received notification from MSDC that the bin day is to be changed from a Friday to a Monday commencing from 15th July 2019. All residents that will be affected should receive a letter from MSDC by 8th July informing them of the change. Unfortunately the Clerk is too late to include in the July edition of the Crier but will ensure it is up at the village shop notice board and on the parish council website.
- Footpath to the school by the boardwalk is very overgrown with nettles. Clerk asked to ask Adam Alexander who does our cemetery maintenance to get the nettles cut / strimmed at the earliest opportunity.

6. Public Forum – Nothing raised

7. Additional Matters for inclusion on the agenda for the July 2019 meeting. Nothing that is not already covered on the agenda.

8. Date of the next Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 3rd July 2019, 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 20.25hrs