

**MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2015
IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, John Maltby, Veronica Partridge, Giles Hollingworth, Yvonne Martin, Ian Fidell, 11 members of the public and the Clerk – Sarah Partridge. Robert Lindsay attended for part of the meeting.

22/15 APOLOGIES - None.

23/15 CO-OPTION TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR ONE PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option; there has been no recent interest in the position.

24/15 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman stated that most Councillors purchase their heating oil from R Stiff & Son, who have a planning application for consideration at this meeting. It was commented that many parishioners also purchase their heating oil from R Stiff & Son so it was agreed that this was not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

25/15 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received

26/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2015 were signed and dated as being correct.

27/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

B/14/01633/FHA & B/14/01634/LBC Manor Farm, Williams Green - Listed building consent and full permission for erection of single storey rear extension. Creation of inverted dormer and french doors to east elevation and new window to west elevation. Erection of two bay cart lodge, garage and store to adjoin existing cart lodge. Conversion of existing cart lodge to form annex. (Revised scheme to that approved under B/12/01307/FHA/ETR, B/12/01308/LBC/ETR and B/13/00499). Councillors had visited the site the previous day. Councillors reviewed the documentation and drawings. Some Councillors expressed reservations about the size of the orangery which it was felt is a little large in relation to the historic original building; however they all agreed to fully support the application.

B/14/01635/FUL & B/14/01636/LBC Rushes Farm, Hadleigh Road – Listed building consent and full permission for change of use and conversion of two barns to holiday lettings; erection of dwelling including workspace accommodation (following demolition of existing agricultural building); dismantling and relocation of barn to north of holding for continued agricultural use together with associated hard and soft landscaping works. Councillors had visited the site the previous day. Councillors reviewed the documentation and drawings for the proposals at Rushes Farm. *The meeting was then adjourned to receive comments from the floor.* The applicants were present who commented that they had received considerable support from parishioners and local people for their proposed developments. No other comments were received from other members of the public present. *The meeting was reconvened.* Councillors discussed the application further, commenting that if this development were approved it would bring business to the area and help to support the local economy. It was noted that sustainability and energy efficiency measures had been incorporated into the development. It was agreed that the development would enhance the immediate area by preserving some historic barns and improve their setting as well as the setting of the main farmhouse. Councillors agreed to fully support the application.

B/15/00079/TCA Boutells, The Street – tree application to reduce the crown of 1 Magnolia tree by 15-25% and 1 Walnut tree by 20%. Councillors reviewed the documentation and agreed to fully support the application.

28/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Councillor asked if the pub could be asked to move their car park sign to a more obvious location as some customers may not be aware of the car park to the rear of the pub and are parking partly on the pavement causing an obstruction to pedestrians and traffic passing through the village.

The problem of cars parking in dangerous locations at school drop off and collection times was discussed again. The Clerk was asked to contact the police again to ask them to take action against motorists causing a danger to others and to ask the school to again remind parents to be more considerate, some parking was considered to be illegal.

Robert Lindsay left the meeting.

A concern was raised about poor visibility when leaving Church Walk and asked whether a mirror could be erected opposite the junction to aid drivers and make it safer. It was suggested that the landowner be contacted to ask if the hedge could be cut back as this would improve visibility and it was agreed to investigate options for a mirror.

It was commented that many of the road signs around the parish seem to be wonky, dented or bent and the 30mph 'Kersey' sign at the entrance to the village near The Row has slipped down the posts and is obscured by verge growth. The Clerk will discuss these issues with highways.

The meeting was adjourned for 'Parish Time'

It was commented that the muddy puddle on Church Walk was getting worse; the Clerk will contact the landowner to discuss a solution to this.

Disappointment was expressed at the debris left on the road after the verges and hedges were recently cut with a tractor mounted cutter.

There are a number of conifer hedge cuttings which have been left beside the road near the Vale Lane triangle, one had fallen into the road and has now been dumped on the triangle. The Clerk will talk to the home owner about this.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

There are no sheets appended to these minutes.