

**MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017
IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, Yvonne Martin, Giles Hollingworth, Kevin Pratt, Andrew Rogers 1 member of the public and the Clerk – Sarah Partridge

168/17 APOLOGIES – were received and accepted from Iqbal Alam and Veronica Partridge. Alan Ferguson also sent his apologies.

169/17 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Kevin Pratt declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 5b for the planning applications DC/17/05766 Green Gables, The Green and DC/17/05767 Listed Building Consent Green Gables, The Green because he is the owner of the property.

170/17 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received.

171/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2017 were signed and dated as being correct.

172/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Progress

DC/17/03544 Green Gables, The Green - Application for Listed Building Consent - Re-cover kitchen roof in natural slate and install 2 conservation rooflights. Listed Building Consent was granted by Babergh on 23 November 2017.

B/15/01196 Land to the rear of 1-6 The Street – Erection of 7 two storey dwellings.

This application was decided by the Babergh Planning Committee on 22 November 2017. The Chair, John Hume, made a representation on behalf of the Parish Council. Following a long debate, the committee voted 8-5 in favour of the application. The formal decision notice with planning conditions, is awaited. The majority of Parish Councillors are not happy with this decision but the Parish Council is not in a position to do anything further regarding this application.

b) Consider planning applications received

DC/17/05766 Green Gables, The Green and DC/17/05767 Listed Building Consent Green Gables, The Green – Removal and replacement of part of existing outbuilding. Revised design to that approved under B/16/00959. Before withdrawing from the meeting Kevin Pratt was asked to explain the revised design changes to Councillors. The new outbuilding will be the same length but deeper to accommodate a modern vehicle inside the building. The roofline will be the same as the existing building. The end wall will not have a window but there will be a window beside the door facing the house. The roof will be covered in reclaimed/second hand pantiles and full foundations will be put in to support the building.

Kevin Pratt declared an interest and left the meeting room.

Councillors discussed the application. The Parish Council had fully supported the original application. English Heritage had no comments about this new application. Councillors agreed to fully support the proposals.

Kevin Pratt re-joined the meeting.

173/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have recently announced they are holding a consultation regarding the creation of one single council to cover both Babergh and Mid Suffolk. The Parish Council will agree a response to this consultation at their meeting on 22 January 2018.

Councillors discussed their disappointment that the planning application for land to the rear of 1-6 The Street had been approved by the Babergh planning committee. Those Babergh Councillors in favour agreed that affordable housing in Kersey was important and in the proposed location the housing would not cause damage to the heritage assets. It was suggested that the Parish Council could now try to work with the developer to persuade him to reduce the number of properties he develops on this site as this would reduce traffic which was a concern. It was agreed that the main concern regarding this development was the damage to the heritage assets and any development on this site would be detrimental. Babergh will be issuing a S106 agreement with the planning consent which should include highways and local affordable rent conditions. The Parish Council will wait to see the full facts and conditions and agreed the Parish Council would not contact the developer. Concern was expressed about the potential for more development in the village. The Chair confirmed that if any further land is brought forward for development in the village then each application will have to be considered on its merits.

The Chair said that a parishioner had raised a question about the election of Parish Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that at the last election in 2015 there had been five nominations and therefore they had all been elected without the need for a public ballot. The two vacancies had been filled following the co-option process. There had also recently been two vacancies for Parish Councillors and both of these had been filled by co-option following the required advertising procedure. This had given all parishioners ample opportunity to request a public ballot or to apply to become a Parish Councillor. The Chair of the Council is elected every year at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

174/17 PARISH TIME - None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm.

There are no sheets appended to these minutes.