

Minutes of Kersey Parish Council ordinary meeting

held on Monday 9 January 2023 at Kersey Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: John Hume (Chair), David Butcher, Penny Calnan, Esme Chapman, and Richard Walker

In attendance: No one

(Note: The final minute reference number for 2022 was 156/22)

1/23 Apologies –Apologies were received and accepted from Andrew Rogers due to work commitments. Sarah Partridge had sent her apologies.

2/23 Co-option to fill the vacancy for one Parish Councillor

No volunteers had come forward. Councillors urged to continue the search for another Councillor.

3/23 Accept Members' Declarations of Interest – None

4/23 Consider any Dispensation requests for Pecuniary Interests received from Councillors – None received

5/23 Public forum and reports

a. **Parish Time – Parishioners' opportunity to raise matters and ask questions** - None

6/23 Planning applications

a) **Planning applications to consider**

DC/22/06096 Bramble Cottage, The Tye, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6HB

Householder Application - Erection of first floor rear dormer extension (retention of)

The Council gave unanimous support for this application.

DC/22/05153 Greenfields, Vale Lane, Kersey, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 6EH

Application for works to Tree subject to Tree Preservation Order WS243/T18 - Reduce Crown of 1No. Oak (T1) by 40%

The Council agree to give the following response to Babergh regarding this tree application:

The tree in question is a large well-established oak which forms an important part of the village landscape. The Council queried whether the oak, which is some 20 metres to the North of the Greenfields bungalow is actually the cause of the reported subsidence. The building is on a clay site subject to shrinkage and expansion. The cracks could be a result of the type of foundations used during construction. Work to stabilise the property may be a better long-term solution. The Council would oppose any proposal to remove the tree or cut it to the base. After discussion, it was reluctantly agreed to support the application to reduce the crown of the oak. However, the Council seek assurances that the work would be commissioned and monitored by the applicant, Suffolk County Council.

7/23 Any other business – Councillors' opportunity to bring matters to the Council's attention

Concerns were raised about:

The number of potholes in the Parish, the time taken to complete repairs and the quality of the repairs.

The Chair will bring this to the attention of Robert Lindsay our County Councillor.

The poultry in the Bell garden which are roaming free. Current Avian Flu regulations mean they should be enclosed.

The slippery slide steps and rubber chips at the playground. This will be referred to the Clerk.

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The ditch flooding at the bottom of Vale Lane, responsible party to be clarified with the Clerk and contacted.

Alleged work being carried out without planning permission at Wickerstreet Green.

It was agreed the Parish Council will write to Reverend Jackson thanking him for his time in Kersey and wishing him well in his new assignment.

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 30 January 2023 at 7.30pm in Kersey Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

There are no items appended to these minutes.

Signed

Date