

**MINUTES OF KERSEY PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2014
IN KERSEY VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT

John Hume – Chair, John Maltby, Veronica Partridge, Giles Hollingworth, 2 members of the public and the Clerk – Sarah Partridge

22/14 APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Yvonne Martin.

Due to family commitments John Robinson has sadly decided to resign as a Parish Councillor. The vacancy is currently being advertised on parish noticeboards. The Council will write to John to thank him for his many years of service to the Parish.

23/14 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. Councillors and members of the public present were encouraged to promote this vacancy.

24/14 ACCEPT MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

25/14 CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS FOR PECUNIARY INTERESTS RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLORS – None received

26/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014 were signed and dated as being correct.

27/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

B/13/01255/FHA Stay Barn, The Street - erection of detached 3 bay cartlodge. Babergh has granted permission for this development.

B/14/00031/FHA & B/14/00032/LBC Stone House, The Street – erection of single storey extension, increase height of rear boundary wall and internal alterations. Councillors considered these applications and taking into account material considerations agreed to fully support the applications.

28/14 PROGRESS WITH THE REVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN AND PARISH ACTION PLAN

Councillors briefly discussed the progress of the review of the Parish Plan and Parish Action Plan. More input and interest from all members of the Parish would be welcomed as the Parish Plan is a reflection of how all local residents would like to see the parish change in coming years, it should be a community led initiative. Councillors agreed to work towards holding a public consultation event on 7 April before the Annual Parish Meeting. A note will be put in the newsletter again promoting this review and asking for community support, an informal meeting of those interested will be organised to discuss the review to date and to work on putting together a new Parish Action Plan. The Clerk will contact the School, as previously agreed, and contact all the other village organisations to get their input into this review and the new Parish Action Plan. The Parish Plan page on the website will be updated with a section about the review and a feedback form. Councillors will discuss this again at the next meeting.

29/14 TO DISCUSS THE BABERGH CONSULTATION ON A NEW DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Councillors had looked at this consultation on-line. It was felt that the Statement of Community Involvement showed good intentions by Babergh but was rather wordy. Councillors agreed they did not wish to respond to this consultation.

30/14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Veronica gave a brief update on progress with a Parish Plan item. She had investigated the idea of a regular social gathering in the Parish. Jessica and Lloyd at The Bell are happy to support the idea of a games morning at the pub once a month, games to include cards, cribbage etc. Veronica, John Hume and Giles Hollingworth will continue to work on this project.

The Clerk was asked to contact Babergh again about the dirty state of the road up Cherry Hill.

The Clerk has discussed the idea for a footpath around the corner from the entrance to the School and Church towards Vale Lane, stage 2 of the footpath link project. The highways officer is open to suggestions and the landowner, Clive Arthey is also happy to discuss the options to find a safe route for pedestrians. Councillors now need to arrange to meet with Clive to discuss ideas on site.

The meeting was adjourned for 'Parish Time'

Residents reported potholes are still a problem around the parish; the Clerk will remind the highways department.

The fallen tree in Vale Lane has been removed by Babergh contractors. The ivy clad wobbly tree in Vale Lane is still there at the moment.

There is now a public bus service running from Hadleigh to Sudbury via Kersey on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This has been publicised in the newsletter.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

There are no sheets appended to these minutes.