

HEMPNALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th May 2010 at 8.00pm in Committee Room 1 of the Village Hall.

ACTION

Present

Chairman Geoffrey Moulton, Vice Chairman David Hook, Debbie Ashford, Kevin Cunningham, Richard Delf, Hamish Rose, Peter Workman and the Clerk - Ian Nelson.

Members of the public present

None present.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Allen.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 14th April 2010 were approved and signed.

Public Participation

None.

Planning Applications

New application since the last meeting:

Mr A Lord, Melrey, Silver Green, Hempnall - Renewal of permission 2007/0738/H proposed two storey side extension and demolition of existing bathroom & WC – Recommended approval.

IN

Mr G Tallamy, Old Orchard, Mill Rd, Hempnall - Proposed two storey rear extension & replacement double garage – Recommended approval.

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Mr G Tallamy, Old Orchard, Mill Rd, Hempnall - Proposed demolition of garage and replacement with new – Recommended approval.

IN

Applications approved since the last meeting:

Mrs R Jones, Hempnall Mill, Mill Rd, Hempnall - Proposed replacement of brickwork, external redecoration and internal wall lining.

Pending application

Mr Moulton read out the email from Mrs Gunther re an application that apparently had been filed at SNC re a free range egg operation in Lundy Green.

Mr Moulton also indicated that he had been approached by Mr Buck for a meeting however he had informed Mr Buck that he would rather wait until the application was available.

The matter will be discussed on receipt of the application. The clerk had already informed Mrs Gunther that she would be welcome to attend the meeting at which the application would be considered.

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Claim for public rights over Back Lane

Mr Rose is holding the application forms for action.

ACTION
HR

Volunteers for the application are: Janette Franks, Ian Nelson, David Hook, Geoffrey & Caroline Moulton, Richard Delf, Liz Allen, Bobby Bennett, Sue & Peter Workman, Mr Ian & Mrs Sylvia Cundy and Debbie Ashford. The meeting to be arranged for 8.30pm and as it is not a council meeting it was agreed to hold it at the Three Horse Shoes.

HR/IN

Change of use of Queens Head

The clerk had written to SNC re the advertising, otherwise there had been no movement since last meeting.

LDF - Site Specific Policies/Allocations

Mr Hook explained that the Core Strategy re the 100,000 new people / 33,000 additional new homes in the Norwich Policy area (for comparison Norwich currently has 61,000 homes) had been approved by the local councils. It's implementation is subject to approval by the Planning Inspectorate. It is not certain at this stage whether the new government will continue with this policy.

Hempnall is a low position in the housing hierarchy for building homes but every single site that was previously put forward by land owners will now be considered. Sites that do not fit within the settlement hierarchy are unlikely to be approved.

We await consultation. The clerk to pass to Mr Hook as soon as received so that the parish council's position can be reiterated.

IN/DH

Items for next main meeting agenda

- Moles - RD
- Grass cutting - RD

IN

Mr Moulton declared an interest in the following items.

Mr Hook took the chair.

Funding for Bat Survey

It was recalled that in the parish council meeting on 3rd March 2010 that "It was generally felt that in order for the parish council to properly consider a revised planning application it would need to have sufficient information relating to bats and thus consideration should be given to the parish council having its own bat survey. Such a survey would need to be carried out between April to September. It was noted the quality of Enertrag's environmental statement and other evidence had been criticised before so it was felt that it would be unwise for the parish council to rely solely on Enertrag's bat survey... Mr Workman stated that just as Enertrag's experts may be seen by some to be bias towards Enertrag's cause, the same criticism could be levied at any expert engaged by SHOWT. He felt it would therefore be better if the parish council engaged its own expert."

It was noted that Enertrag appeared to be undertaking their bat survey already and had made it public that they intended to submit a new application in Autumn this year.

In accordance with instructions given at the last council meeting the clerk had obtained two quotes for a bat survey.

Mr Cunningham had to leave the meeting.

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After much discussion, Mr Delf proposed, Mrs Ashford seconded and it was agreed 3 votes for and 2 abstentions, that Mr Chris Vine be instructed to undertake the survey based upon the recommendations contained in his quote, subject to a review by a suitable expert and subsequent amendment/ reconsideration as a result, if necessary. Mr Hook / Mr Delf to liaise with the expert and report to the clerk asap.

ACTION

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RD/DH

Wind Turbines

There were no other matters to discuss.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.50pm.

Signed _____ Date 26th May 2010