



BATTISFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE BATTISFORD PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 18th JUNE 2019

Present

Cllr N Cleaver (Chairman)

Cllr T Aspinall (Vice Chairman)

Cllr P Lambotte

Cllr C Nicholas

Cllr J Pope

Cllr D Wicking

and one member of the public

In attendance: Nicola Glading CiLCA, clerk to Battisford Parish Council

56. RECORDING OF MEETING

Clerk to record for minutes only

57. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

a) Apologies had been received from Cllr S Zethraeus

b) The apology received was accepted

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

59. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

60. CO-OPTION POLICY and CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

- a) It was **AGREED** that for the avoidance of doubt in the future, a Co-option Policy is to be adopted. The Co-option Policy tabled by Cllr Wicking was considered; there are further changes to be made. To be re-considered at the meeting on 25th June 2019.
- b) Co-option of additional Councillor
- (i) Mrs Jane Pope was proposed and seconded. There were no other applicants.
 - (ii) It was unanimously **AGREED** to co-opt Mrs Pope on to Battisford Parish Council. Mrs Pope signed the Acceptance of Office form and joined the Meeting. Cllr Pope was given a Declaration of Interest pro forma to be returned to the clerk completed within 30 days.

61. MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR BATTISFORD

a) To reconsider the following application for resubmission to the Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Department:

- (i) **DC/19/01952** Application for Outline Planning Permission (some matters reserved) - Erection of detached dwelling, garage and new vehicular access. Location: Land Adjacent 2 Rosemary Cottages , Church Road, Battisford, IP14 2HF.

Councillors reconsidered the application and the following conclusion was reached:

Battisford Parish Council voted **unanimously AGAINST** the Application

OBJECTION

1. Councillors believe that the area is outside the settlement boundary.
2. Councillors agreed that the application is not sustainable, there is no demonstrable contribution to the local economy. No evidence has been supplied of how the applicants intend to increase their community involvement as a result of this development.
3. Councillors pointed out that there is very little infrastructure in Battisford. The applicant's report suggests that the towns of Needham Market and Stowmarket (to access public transport, shops, doctor's surgery, etc.) are `within easy cycling distance`, thereby assuming that there is no need for reliance on a private motor car. It was agreed that cycling 2/3 miles along rural roads would not be feasible in many cases; especially as there is a steep and difficult hill to negotiate. Clearly there would be a need for vehicular transport which is not compliant with MSDC's sustainable development policies.
4. The site is in an isolated position at some distance from the main village.
5. Councillors are concerned that the level of traffic along Church Road, which is narrow and winding, will increase.
6. The councillors have rejected other `infill` applications as they might have impacted adversely on the nature and outlook of the village, giving a cramped effect to an essentially rural landscape within which space is both visually and aesthetically important, as well as possibly impacting on two listed buildings which are in close proximity. It is accepted that some development is necessary, but this should be in a controlled manner (for example, the small development at Bowl Road Battisford /Combs IP14 2QE).
7. The Environmental Search identifies contamination from discharge of sewerage, with a likelihood of flooding back to the properties at least once in every 75 years. However, The Ben Elvin Report contradicts that and maintains that there are no land contamination issues and no danger of flooding.
8. Councillors noted that the MSDC online maps do not accurately reflect the current state of development of this property. The plan supplied with the application is more accurate.

The objections to be sent to the Case Officer, Jamie Edwards, MSDC Planning department and Janice Robinson, MSDC Monitoring Officer.

62. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

None

63. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC - EXEMPT MATTERS

It is **RECOMMENDED** that:

- a) In view of the confidential nature of the following item, which relates to the business matters of other individuals and organisations, the public shall be excluded while the following item is discussed.

This is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by the Local Government Act 1972