



BATTISFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

of the Battisford Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2021

Present:

Cllr D. Wicking (Chairman)

Cllr J. Cook (Vice Chairman)

Cllr S. Zethraeus

Cllr J. Pope

Cllr J. Wilson

Cllr C. Nicholas

In attendance:

County Councillor K. Oakes

District Councillor Dr D. Pratt

N. Glading, Parish Clerk

and two members of the public

2021/10	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME and RECORDING OF MEETING	
	The Chairman welcomed all attendees. There was no recording of the meeting.	
2021/11	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
a.	There were no apologies for absence.	
b.	There was no need to consent	
2021/12	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None	
2021/13	CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR	
a.	There were no candidates for co-option	
2021/14	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
a.	<p>Two residents had notified the clerk of their intention to speak on item 2021/17 b. (paper B, planning application DC/21/02575).</p> <p>The couple told the Councillors that they live next door to the property at application DC/21/02575, their house is grade 2 listed.</p> <p>Valley Road is an undeveloped area, there has not been much development since the 1970s. Councillors were informed that the applicant had removed trees and foliage from back of property, therefore screening had gone, which has led to a reduction in privacy. The balcony on the back of the property DC/21/02575 is only about 12 metres from the couple's house.</p> <p>The double height Cart Lodge in front of the existing bungalow will be in full view Grey plastic slates will be out of character with everything in Valley Road The Footpath has been diverted, and a mobile home installed (in corner of plot) The couple expressed concern that the Cart Lodge is at the front and not behind the Nissen hut, also that the new build would cause shadow onto their property</p>	

2021/15	UPDATES FROM COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS	
a.	<p><u>Update from Suffolk County Councillor K. Oakes</u> Kay Oakes has been re-elected as a Suffolk County Councillor, the Chairman offered the congratulations on behalf of BPC. C/ Cllr Oakes has been unable to progress much because of purdah She remains committed to all the previous issues: they are very much on her list.</p>	
b.	<p><u>Update from District Councillor D Pratt</u> D/Cllr pratt reported that the Active Travel consultation enables you to pinpoint where e.g. footpath / cycleway could be. The Link is on his report. Councillors to get in touch about potential tree planting initiative.</p>	
2021/16	MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on 26th April 2021	
a.	<p>To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2021 Cllr Pope identified a change in that there should be no plaque "Battisford Parish Council" should be installed on the bench. Clerk to change the order. The Minutes of the meeting 23rd March 2021 were unanimously AGREED with the above amendment.</p>	
b.	There were no Matters Arising not on this agenda	
2021/17	MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR BATTISFORD	
a.	<p>Bowl Meadow Development: Update on development and any outstanding concerns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The "Coming soon" sign is still in situ. 2. Cllr Wicking will put together a list of BPC concerns and send to Combs PC e.g. Painting lines for car park and removal of redundant signage 3. Hedging re-instatement is not appropriate until Autumn. It was suggested that BPC Councillors could re-plant the hedge. 4. D/ Cllr Pratt will confirm that the developer will retain land, about the car parking spaces and the coming soon sign. 	Cllr Wicking
b.	<p>The APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/21/02575 was considered. Proposal: Householder Planning Application - Erection of first floor rear extension, Erection of two storey rear extension, Erection of single storey rear extension and alterations to dwelling including raising the roof of the existing dwelling, Erection of front external porch, new external material finishes and erection of single storey detached garage/store and workshop outbuilding Location: Tye Gate Farmhouse, Valley Road, Battisford, Suffolk IP14 2HW</p> <p>The Councillors unanimously agreed to OBJECT to the application, with the following comment</p> <p>We note that development work has already been initiated: this includes the unauthorised diversion of a public footpath by moving the official signage. No mention of this impact has been made in the Planning Statement, nor does an application for footpath diversion appear to have been made.</p> <p>The trees and foliage between Tye Gate Farmhouse and the neighbouring Grade 2 listed property (list entry 1033024), Tye Cottage, has already been removed, resulting in a lack of privacy for the residents at Tye Cottage.</p> <p>It is apparent that a mobile home has been installed on the site; this obstructs the public footpath (Battisford FP44 which runs through the property from North to South).</p> <p>In terms of the proposed development:</p>	<p>Planning officer informed 21.05.2021</p>

	<p>The proposed increase in size and height is inappropriate. This creates a property that is not in keeping with setting (particularly as it is situated next to Grade 2 listed property). The total floor area of the property development does not draw on any other building in area.</p> <p>We believe that the materials and the colour scheme proposed have not normally been accepted by Planning or Heritage at MSDC for buildings in a similar context.</p> <p>The large flat roof extension is inappropriate.</p> <p>The Cart-lodge is in front of the building line and of an inappropriate size for the setting. As a 2 storey large structure it would appear like another full house in the landscape. It would have a footprint of 165M2. It would be more appropriate for any cart-lodge to be built on the footprint of the previous farm buildings.</p> <p>We believe that comparison with Woodvale, which is one on several modern chalet houses built in the late 20th century is not appropriate. There are no adjacent listed buildings.</p> <p>Clerk to contact Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way team and ask for an inspection of the relevant footpath.</p>	Clerk
c.	NOTED the non material amendment relating - Proposed change to building shape and siting, roof pitch adjusted and ridge height increased by 0.1m at Highfields Farm.	
d.	NOTED the Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/18/02752- Condition 3 (Agreement of Details), Condition 4 (Agreement of Materials) and Condition 5 (Inspection of Materials) Location: Old Stoke Farmhouse, Straight Road, Battisford, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 2NB	
e.	The following application had been received after the Agenda had been fixed: DC/21/02817 Proposal: Householder application - Erection of a detached double garage with pitched roof Location: Midway, Mill Road, Battisford, Suffolk IP14 2LT We invite your comments on the application described above by 3rd June 2021. Full details of this application are available to view online by visiting http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/developmentmanagement/application-search-and-comment/search-for-applications/	Chair called extraordinary meeting to consider 27.05.2021
f.	The following application had been received after the Agenda had been fixed: DC/21/02856 Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of two storey side and rear extension, with a stepped ridge from the existing ridge; Construction of 3 No dormers to the front 1No dormer extension to the rear roof slope including integral garage (following demolition of existing conservatory and outbuildings)(amended scheme and re-submission of DC/21/00774). Location: Oak View, Straight Road, Battisford, Suffolk IP14 2HR http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/developmentmanagement/application-search-and-comment/search-for-applications/	Chair called extraordinary meeting To consider 27.05.2021
c.	Report from previous meeting: straw poll survey on broadband speeds by councillors Deferred	
2021/18	SID REPORT (Cllr Cook)	
	Speed Indicator Device Report from Cllr J Cook Bowl meadow tends to pick up people early on so they slow down it is probably our safest site Clerk to liaise with Cllr Cook about ANPR post (different situations to existing SID posts)	Appendix A
2021/19	MATTERS RELATING TO BATTISFORD NOTICEBOARDS	
a.	The Councillors considered that an update to the schedule of the Inspection of Battisford Village Notice boards (26 October 2020) would be appropriate	Cllrs Cook and Wilson

	Cllrs Cook and Wilson to work on updated report Clerk to provide costings for self sealing backing to next meeting Clerk expressed her thanks to Cllr Wilson for her assistance with the noticeboards.	
2021/20	CHAIRS ITINERARY and REPORTS (on the night)	
a.	<u>Chairmans report</u> and information to include: a. Annual Assembly 2021: keep on agenda b. Update on revised Battsford Punchbowl grant request (smaller shed: have not heard back from Jane Paris c. Cllr Wicking will produce a report, including accounts, for the next Barclif	Cllr Wicking
b.	<u>Councillors' reports</u> a. There have been reports of mobile homes – Cllr Wicking suspects that they are related to the large scale redevelopment requested for the site (discuss at next meeting)	
2021/21	ENVIRONMENTAL/ FACILITIES MATTERS	
a.	Cllr Pope updated the meeting on the Battsford Tree Survey and Tree Warden initiative Cllr Pope has met with the newly appointed tree warden (Lucy Skellorn) and talked about her remit linking up with Jackie Crame to make a plan. Lucy Skellorn has put a flyer together asking people if they want any trees The pond- trimmed back small branches to let in more light Cllrs Cook and Zethraeus offered to support the work	
b.	Update on slide mound repair: Cllr Cook reported that the work was originally scheduled for 4 th but was delayed. The contractors had started work then the weather deteriorated and it is not prudent to work on site at the moment. Cllr Cook will move the turf enable contractor to cut the area.	
c.	Update on the Quiet Lanes initiative: Cllr Zethraeus advised that the traffic survey would probably be in September and as a result they would form a wave 4 but that we are recommended to complete the public consultation in line with wave 3.	
d.	Update on Pond (Green initiative) and Locality Budget funding: awaiting lockdown finish, Cllr Pope will re-visit with Lucy Skellorn	
2021/22	MATTERS RELATING TO THE CEMETERY	
a.	Update on purchase of the Glasdon bench at the Cemetery: clerk to advise Glasdon that the order is changed	
b.	Update on wildlife area sign: Cllr Cook may be able to supply the signs (next meeting)	
c.	Clerk reported that volunteer residents Debbie Paton & Eve Turner have done a great job in clearing a lot of plastic, mixed rubbish like wreaths and oasis etc plus glass bottles. The remaining compostable/biodegradable rubbish has been moved to one side All of the rubbish has now been taken to the dump. The suggestion is that a notice is put on the gates or in the corner requesting visitors to take their rubbish home with them, or a bin provided for general waste somewhere in the cemetery. (Next meeting)	
2021/23	VILLAGE HALL	
a.	Update (Village Hall Management Committee) on current ownership of storage facility; Next meeting	
2021/24	FINANCIAL and GOVERNANCE MATTERS	
a.	It was RESOLVED to accept the accounts payable sheet at Appendix B and to authorise payment of same.	Appendix B

b.	<p>The Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 was considered:</p> <p>(i) Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2020/21 Part 2: unanimously APPROVED and the Chairman authorised to sign the same. The Chair and clerk signed at the meeting.</p> <p>(ii) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21: unanimously APPROVED and the Chairman authorised to sign the same. The Chair and clerk signed at the meeting.</p> <p>(iii) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21: unanimously APPROVED and the Chairman authorised to sign the same. The Chair and clerk signed at the meeting.</p>	
c.	The request from the Four Parishes Newsletter for a contribution (sent to cllrs 11.05.2021) was considered and it was RESOLVED to make a grant of £30.00	
2021/25	EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION	
	To exchange any relevant information at the discretion of the Chairman Remembrance Sunday- wreaths Cllr Nicholas will follow up. Platinum celebrations 2022: place on next agenda	

DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS (for up to date information please see BPC website)

<http://www.battisfordpc.org.uk/battisford-parish-council/meetings/>

Meeting ended 8.55pm

Appendix A

SID Report April/May 2021

Bowl Meadow May 2021

Traffic Report From 26/04/2021 11:00:00 AM through 17/05/2021 02:59:59 PM

Max Speed = 55.0 MPH on 30/04/2021 14:35:00

Total Vehicles = 6,876 counts

Speed

Speed limit: 30 MPH

85th Percentile Speed: 33.4 MPH

50th Percentile Speed: 27.5 MPH

Average Speed: 26.9 MPH

% over limit 30.9%

Avg speeder 34.0 MPH

Appendix B

BATTISFORD PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MAY 2021

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>VAT</u>
NG	Salary May 2021	£330.98	
Top Garden services	Grass cutting 08.04.21 & 22.04.2021	£216.00	£36.00