

Semer Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meetings held at The Hollies, Ash Street on Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 7.30pm and on Wednesday 14th December at the Village Hall at 7pm.

In attendance:

12th October

Granville Bendall, Claire Hood, Robert Thorogood, Trevor Mitchell (Clerk).

Apologies received from Richard Keens (Chairman) and Jackie Barraclough who were unable to attend.

This meeting was called to discuss the planning application for change of use from an agricultural building to a dwelling house – land to the west of Ash Street. Although Richard Keens and Jackie Barraclough were unable to attend the Clerk discussed the application with them both at some length prior to the meeting and relayed their views to the other Parish Councillors.

The Parish Council were of the opinion that this application did not meet the criteria of the recent Town and Country Planning Act 2015 for change of use and prior approval under class Q(a) and C3. A full planning application should be submitted. The Parish Council also noted the flooding that occurs at the entrance to the site.

This application was subsequently refused by Babergh District Council.

14th December

Richard Keens (Chairman), Granville Bendall, Claire Hood, Jackie Barraclough, Alan Ferguson (South Cosford District Councillor), Trevor Mitchell (Clerk).

Apologies were received from Robert Thorogood who was unable to attend.

The minutes of the meeting of 15th September 2016 were read and approved.

1. Planning – Westonia , Watsons Hill – Small changes to the original planning application. The Parish Council have no objections.
2. Erection of a Marquee on the Church Meadow for a wedding reception – No further communication has been received from the family. Richard will write advising them that the Parish Council cannot agree to their request.
3. Road Repair on A1141 at Sayers Farm – The Clerk has written to Suffolk Highways on three occasions with no response. Alan Ferguson agreed that he would take the matter up with them. This work needs to be done before the winter rains.
4. The River Brett at Semer Mill - blocked by a fallen tree – the tree has now been removed.
5. Speeding in Ash Street – The Highways department have agreed to install speed survey equipment for a few weeks early in the New Year.
6. Precept - It was agreed that the Precept for the year 2017/8 would remain at £800.
7. Devolution, Boundary Commission, Future of Babergh DC and the new Chief Executive and local Housing – Alan Ferguson updated the PC on the latest developments.

There was no other correspondence to discuss and no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting will be held at Semer Village Hall on 25th May 2017

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