

Hartest Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in The Institute on Tuesday 10 August 2004 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs James Long (Chairman), Mary Gough (Vice Chairman)
Rachel Irvine, Jo Pask, John Schofield, Saxon Gotts
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Oaten – on holiday
Attending: Mr David Morbey (Clerk to the Council), 2 members of the public

04/46 Declarations of interest - none

04/47 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2004

Correction: 04/41a. remove from “**but due**” until “**for the time being**” add “**and SCC will also be asked to clear this path**”. With this correction, the minutes were confirmed and signed as a correct record. proposed: Cllr Irvine, seconded: Cllr Pask. **Carried**

Meeting suspended for public forum.

04/48 Planning

a. to consider planning applications received to date:

B/04/01323/FHA 9 Green View IP29 4DR – erection of attached single garage. **No objections.**

It was thought to improve access to the property. Some Councillors felt that efforts should be made to match the present roof tiles.

B/04/01280/LBC/BJW Potash Cottage, The Row, IP29 4DJ – application for listed building consent – erection of solar water heating collector to roof slope.

Revised plans had been submitted to Babergh DC by the householder showing the correct positioning of the solar collectors. These revised plans had not yet been received from Babergh planning dept. The householder had given copies of the revised plans to the Clerk. On the basis of these plans, Council had **no objections** to the application. However, to be certain that the decision was based upon the correct plans, the Chairman signed the copies of the revised plans so that they could be compared and checked against the final plans when they are received from Babergh DC. If the two sets match, then the Clerk will send the Council's decision without further reference to Council. **Action Clerk**

B/03/00530/FUL/GD Former Banham Coaches Site, The Row, IP29 – Erection of 6 No. two-storey dwellings and associated garages, Alteration to existing vehicular access and alteration to pedestrian access. Appeal to the Secretary of State following failure of Babergh District Council to decide the application within the appropriate period. The appeal will be decided by an exchange of written submissions and by a site visit. There is an opportunity for Council to withdraw or modify previous comments.

Council reviewed its previous decision and submission to Babergh DC. It was felt that a further submission should be sent to The Inspector to strongly oppose the development. Cllr Irvine suggested getting expert help. Cllr Gough suggested trying to get free legal help from within the village. There was discussion on the plans and agreement that the present proposal was completely inappropriate, in particular the size of the houses was far too big and the development would be highly intrusive as it is set at the heart of the village. There was also agreement that some form of housing development was appropriate for the site, but that it should reflect the diversity of the village properties and consist of smaller houses. It was agreed that Cllr Irvine would request a known expert in development control to take a look at both the plans and the site with a view to advising Council on opposing the development. It was further agreed that on the basis of this advice and the views of Council, a draft submission to The Inspector should be prepared which the Chairman would approve before it is sent to The Inspector. **Action Cllrs Irvine and Long and Clerk**

It was agreed that the sum of £100.00 should be made available for necessary expenses incurred in preparing the response. Proposed Cllr Pask, seconded Cllr Schofield **Carried**

Council was also extremely concerned that Babergh DC had failed to decide the application within the agreed time limit and that they had not taken a decision to oppose it. The Clerk was instructed to write in the strongest terms to the Chief Executive of Babergh DC to express Council's extreme annoyance that Babergh has failed to make a decision on the largest development in Hartest for many years and that it seemed content to let the decision be made by a government inspector. Chairman to approve the letter. Proposed Cllr Irvine, seconded Cllr Gough **Carried Action Clerk and Cllr Long**

Date of next meeting – Monday 20 September 2004 at 7.00 pm in The Institute.