

## Hartest Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in The Institute on Monday 16 May 2005 after the Annual Parish Meeting  
Present: Cllrs James Long (Chairman), Rachel Irvine, Robin Oaten, Jo Pask, John Schofield.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mary Gough (out of the country)  
Attending: Mr David Morbey (Clerk to the Council)

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### **The meeting began at 9.30pm**

**05/39 Declarations of interest** - none

### **05/40 Minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2005**

The minutes were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Irvine Seconded: Cllr Pask **Approved**

No members of the public were present to speak to Council.

### **05/41 Planning**

#### **a. to consider planning applications received:**

B/05/604 Former Banhams Coaches site, The Row, IP29

Erection of 3 No. dwellings (existing buildings to be demolished).

A site meeting had taken place to help evaluate the plans, following which, Cllrs Irvine and Pask had, after studying the Parliamentary Planning Guidelines (PPGs) and comparing these with the developer's Statement submitted with their application, produced a report for consideration by Council. Cllr Irvine said she had received public comment that some people did not object to the application. Cllr Irvine said Council should consider that some people may not wish to have social housing next to their properties. Cllr Pask asked what would happen to the previous application for the site which was due to go to appeal shortly? It was assumed that the developer would choose the one most beneficial to them.

The Irvine/Pask report was considered by Council. (The full report is attached to the planning application held on file). The report highlighted a number of areas for objecting to the application and in summary these objections were: The site is not backland development, but an important open area in the heart of the village; properties would be overlooked by the development; contrary to PPG3, the development would not suit single people; no low cost starter type housing was included in the plan and the Hartest Parish Plan preliminary findings showed support for this type of housing in the village; the size of the dwellings would have a negative impact on surrounding buildings; The Parish Council understands that permission exists for the use of present buildings as a workshop and that these are still being used. There was discussion on the report: Cllr Schofield said that Council should stress how important the application was for the future of the village and it was agreed that the following paragraph be included: "HPC cannot stress too strongly how important the outcome of this application is to the future pattern of housing in Hartest. Because of the sensitivity of this site it is probably the most important development we have had to consider in the last decade. It is vital that any development meets the need of our community and we look to the Development Committee for their support". With some other minor changes the report objecting to the application was approved for submission to Babergh DC. Proposed: Cllr Schofield Seconded: Cllr Long

**Approved Action Clerk**

### **05/42 Date of next meetings:**

Parish Council Meeting - Monday 23 May 2005 at 7.00 pm in The Institute

The meeting closed at 10.15pm