

Hartest Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held at The Institute Wednesday 7 February 2007 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllrs James Long (Chairman), David Loxton, Jo Pask, John Schofield, Rachel Irvine, Robin Oaten

Apologies: Cllr Mary Gough (away on holiday)

Attending: Marie Huggett (Clerk), 2 Members of the Public

07/18 Apologies for absence – apologies had been received from Cllr Gough

07/19 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Loxton advised that he knows the architect Martin Raper on a personal basis in respect of the Planning Application to be discussed regarding Banham's Coachyard.

07/20 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 January 2007 were approved as a true record and signed accordingly.

07/21 Matters arising from the Meeting of 15 January 2007: None

07/22 Public Forum: No member of the public spoke.

07/23 Finance: An invoice from BDC in respect of Litter Bin Emptying for £8.55 was approved for payment.

07/24 Planning

a. To consider Planning applications received:

1. B/07/00072 – Former Banham Coaches Site, The Row – Erection of 4 Dwellings with associated garages (existing buildings to be demolished). Alteration to existing vehicular access. **HPC supports the application but would like clarification regarding plot 1 available to rent as affordable housing, who is the intended landlord and is this a longterm proposal? Clarification of the boundaries. It is noted that the same entry/exit has been proposed as a previous application, which was rejected by Babergh for this reason. BDC needs to clarify this. HPC confirms that natural slate is definitely required and it would also like to see timber windows with narrow glazing bars. Clarification of Boundary Lines. There appears to be no section 106 Agreement with the application – refer to BDC. HPC would like to refer to BDC Housing regarding a local needs survey. Action Clerk**
2. B/06/02039 – 3 Brockley Road – Erection of single-storey building for use as workshop (following the demolition of existing outbuilding). **HPC would like to establish if this is a retrospect planning permission application. A site visit will be arranged. Action Clerk**
3. B/06/01883 – Peartree Cottage, The Green – Application for Listed Building Consent – Removal of existing chimney to rear. **HPC has no objections and feels the building will be enhanced with the removal. Action Clerk**
4. B/06/00328 – Part side garden of Spring Bank, Lawshall Road – erection of two-storey detached dwelling – amendment: to rotate the eastern end of the property by approximately 1000mm anti-clockwise. **HPC feels that this further compounds the objections that this Council made in its previous response; this proposal presents a fuller elevation to the west.**
5. B/07/00144 – 7 Green View, Hartest – Felling of 1 Conifer Tree. **Michael Feather, Tree Warden has advised that the application should be approved – HPC supports this. Action Clerk**

b. Babergh Decisions received:

1. B/05/01372 – Barns at Townsend Farms. **Granted. The list of conditions to be circulated in a box. Clarification to be sought regarding change of use in respect of agricultural land. Action clerk**

07/25 Erection of Memorial Application – has been received in respect of the late Mr John King. The proposed headstone meets with HPC's regulations and the application was approved. **Action Clerk**

07/26 Matters arising –

1. Concern was raised regarding the closing of Gypsy Lane to vehicular traffic. HPC was not notified of the closure. It is strongly felt that the closure is unnecessary and causing traffic problems and congestion on the Hospital and Horringer roads. HPC to formally make comment to St Edmundsbury Council. **Action Clerk**
2. Concern was raised that part of the bank of the river behind the New Bungalow at the bottom of The Row, has been excavated and plastic lining installed. It is felt this is not legal and requires some investigation. **Action Clerk**
3. The Parish Council feels that Babergh DC should be made aware that pockets of land around the village are being sold to residents by the Weller-Poleys and change of use may be required from agricultural to domestic. Any clearance of this land will require permission from Babergh DC. **Action Clerk**
4. The top of Hartest Hill has recently been closed to Avebury Lane causing inconvenience – is it possible to be notified in advance? **Action Clerk**

07/27 Date of Next Meeting is Monday 19 March 2007 at 7pm in the Institute.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.