

LAWSHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2018
AT THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Irish, D.C. Griggs, D. Page, T. Elmer, Mrs L. Williams, R. Debenham. Cllr. R. Kemp, Mr & Mrs T. McClelland, Mrs D. Griggs (Clerk), 6 Members of the public.

99 APOLOGIES: Cllr. J. Kydd, Dcllr. J. Long.

100 TO RECEIVE COUNCILLOR'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

Cllr. Debenham declared an interest in Planning Applications No's: DC/17/05477 & DC/17/04194.

101 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY, 2018.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

102 REPORTS:

Crime report as per the Police website February 2018:

On or near Lambs Lane: includes theft from or of a vehicle, interference with a vehicle. Investigation complete. No suspect identified.

On or near The Street: 2 crimes:

Includes theft by an employee, blackmail and making off without payment. Investigation complete. No suspect identified.

Includes theft from or of a vehicle, interference with a vehicle. Investigation complete. No suspect identified.

103 MATTERS ARISING:

Walcher's meadow gate: Ongoing. Will be on the agenda for April.

Data Protection Officer: This is still ongoing. Cllr. D. Page suggested that perhaps Mrs Cathy Acheson would consider this position.

NHPlan: request from resident for this to be discussed:

- 1) To update NHP to include allocated Housing sites: Suggestion put forward that the NHP is out-of-date.

Chairman's Reply: The Councillors do not consider that the NHP is out-of-date. The NHP will be revised every 1-2 years.

- 2) Current housing figures for Lawshall:

Chairman's Reply: Housing requirements for Lawshall up to 2035 has not yet been allocated by Babergh D.C. This matter was discussed with Council Officers when the NHPlan was made.

- 3) That the Parish Council is informed of any alterations, amendments and re-consultations for any planning applications for Lawshall.

Chairman's Reply: The Chairman requested the Clerk to write to Babergh D.C. regarding this matter.

- 4) Suggestion for a Conservation Area for the village:

Chairman's reply: This is for the whole village to approach the Parish Council with this suggestion.

104 FINANCE:

Clerk's Salary & Expenses: £341.43

Babergh D.C. £631.21 (Dog/litter bin emptying).

The following balances were reported:

Community account as at 12/3/2018: £184.68

Cheques not presented total: £178.90 = available £5.78

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Business account as at 5/3/2018: £4553.17

Cllr. A. Irish proposed that £975.00 is transferred from the Business account into the Community account, seconded by Cllr. D.C. Griggs, all in favour.

105 PLANNING:

Application No. DC/17/06274: The Willows, Bury Road: HYBRID APPLICATION. Extension to the existing care home to create an additional 15 rooms. Outline planning application (access to be considered). Erection of 3 dwellings and vehicular access. Councillors discussed this application and as not all the information is available at this stage, the Councillors are unable to comment.

Application No. DC/17/06174: Harrow Green site, RE-CONSULTATION: CS 11 check list and Landscape Visual Impact Assessment: (Outline Planning: erection of 5 dwellings). Cllr. Debenham had declared interest and left the meeting.) Councillors discussed this application and support and approve this application.

Application No. DC/18/00707: 1 & 2 Waldegrave Cottage, Hartest Lane: erection and extension and alterations to existing semi-detached dwelling to form 1 dwelling utilising vehicular access (following commencement under B/08/00024 and subsequent permission under DC/17/04892).

The Councillors discussed this application: **Comments:** comments: NHPlan policies do not have any direct bearing on such conversions. The NHPlan may, however, provide some context for Local Plan policy HS0t which states dwellings cannot be replaced if those dwellings satisfy a local need and the proposed replacement dwelling does not. The NHPlan identifies a need for accessible housing and 2/3 bedroom houses suitable for first-time buyers. The existing semi-detached cottages are 4 bedroom houses (or at least will be on completion of approved extensions). Consequently. The NHPlan does not give a reason to believe that the existing dwellings meet a proven local need. **Objection:** Councillors do not support this application.

Application No. DC/05458: land between Bayleaf House & Meadow Croft, Melford Road: erection of 1 detached dwelling: The Councillors discussed this application: **comments:** There is still no Land Visual Impact Assessment. We ask that this assessment is provided to satisfy Policy LAW3. A question was also raised about whether the dwelling would contribute to flood risk in the areas, this question still remains, and it is thus unclear whether Policy LAW16 is satisfied. Councillors are unable to comment on this application until the Land Visual Impact Assessment is received.

Application No. DC/18/00755: land Barn on land south of The Willows, Bury Road: Notification for prior approval for a change of use from storage or distribution buildings (ClassB8) and any land within its curtilage to dwelling house (Class 3) schedule 2, Part P. Conversion of barn to dwelling. Councillors discussed this application: **comments:** and in the absence of a complete application it is impossible to judge this notification under NHPlan policies. However, from the information provided it is clear that the proposed change of use would violate Policy LAW3 as the barn is not adjacent to the existing boundary. Furthermore, there are potential flooding implications in the area which could contravene Policy LAW16. **Objection:** Not adjacent to the BUAB.

Babergh D.C: The Chairman made a request for the Clerk to write re: planning applications with a large number of documents involved for the applications to be sent as hard copies. This will make it much easier for Councillors to peruse them. Also, for any alterations, amendments and re-consultations for existing plans to be sent to the Clerk.

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106 CORRESPONDENCE: None.

107 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

NHPlan Watchdog team: Thanks were given to Tom & Laura for their help and advice on planning applications during the past 6 months.

New NHPlan Watchdog team: Mrs Karen Wilcox and Mrs Debbie Thomas will make up the new team.

Path at the end of Churchill Close (cut-through to Golden Wood): To contact Babergh D.C. re: overhanging trees.

Walcher’s meadow: Wildflower seeds to be planted here in the autumn.

Round & About Lawshall magazine: The Clerk will thank residents for using the bottle banks and the textile bank for their contributions.

S.C.C. To report pothole opposite Pond Cottage, Lawshall Green.

The 30mph repeater sign (broken) at Lawshall Green has been reported.

Trees overhanging cut-through path from Churchill Close to Golden Wood: The Clerk has informed Babergh D.C.

NOTE: Cllr. Debenham made the meeting aware that he is willing to pass on amount of land behind the village hall to the Parish Council, in order for it to be considered for sports facilities for the village.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th April, 2018 ay 7.30pm.

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Chairman

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Date