

**Minutes of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE of CHELMONDISTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the VILLAGE HALL on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr R Kirkup, Cllr Keeble, Cllr Deacon, Cllr A Fox, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Dot Cordle

**In attendance:** Parish Clerk

**Abbreviations:** Cllr: Councillor. PC: Parish Council. BDC: Babergh District Council.

SCC: Suffolk County Council. BDC/MSDC: Babergh District/Mid Suffolk District Councils.

PMBMCIC: Pin Mill Bay Management Community Interest Company.

The Committee members were reminded by notice that they may, along with any public who may be present, record/film/photograph or broadcast the meeting when the public and the press were not lawfully excluded.

1. **Welcome by Chairman:** *Cllr Rosie Kirkup* opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed all.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** *to receive apologies.*  
All members were present.
3. **Dispensations:** *to consider any requests.*  
None.
4. **Declaration of Interests:** *to receive pecuniary & non pecuniary interests from Cllrs on items to be considered at this meeting.*  
Cllr Dot Cordle declared a non pecuniary interest in **Item 9**, as she was related by marriage to the applicant.
5. **Minutes of the Meeting:** *to agree minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015*  
These were agreed to be a true record by those who had been present and they were signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rosie Kirkup.
6. **Matters Arising:** *to report on matters arising from meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015*  
None.
7. **Public Participation Session:** *for the public to talk to Cllrs about items on the agenda*  
No public present.
8. **Correspondence:** *To report/respond to general correspondence undertaken/received before the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and to take any action considered necessary.*
  - 8.1 **BDC/MSDC: Planning Together & Community Engagement**  
Setting out the three shared key themes: growth of new homes; growth for the economy/jobs, linked with the environment and strong healthy communities.  
Progress is continuing on producing a new Local Plan and they are keen to liaise with local communities who are producing Neighbourhood Plans or other types of community-led plans.
  - 8.2 **Department for Communities & Local Government: Planning Update Newsletter**  
Updates on planning developments under the new Government. The Housing Bill will aim to simplify the neighbourhood planning system. Local authorities will be required to hold a register of brownfield land suitable for housing. The Government will be introducing planning reforms to support the delivery of Starter Homes and will include a review of how permitted development rights in rural areas can support new homes and jobs. Amendments to planning guidance have been made to Green Belt protection; planning policy for Traveller Sites; Shale Gas and Wind Turbines/Onshore Wind.
9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** *to consider a response to Applications received..*

**B/15/01094/FUL - Hollingsworth, 1 Church Road, Chelmondiston, Ipswich, IP9 1HS**

*Change of Use of first floor apartment to A1 retail storage and erection of ground floor shop front extension. [Case Officer: John Pearse]*

The Chairman had visited the site and had spoken with the owner. It was agreed to view the application in two parts.

1) *Change of Use of first floor apartment to A1 retail storage*

It was noted that the apartment had been on a letting basis for many years. Concerns were raised about the lack of much needed affordable rental property in the area.

**Proposal:** to recommend REFUSING the Change of Use due to losing affordable rental property.

**Proposed:** Cllr A Fox **Seconded:** Cllr J Deacon **Vote:** all in favour

2) *Erection of ground floor shop front extension.*

The end corner: recommend that the roof should be cantilevered from the wall rather than using a support pole, which would cause an obstruction when walking around the corner.

Parking: to initiate parking restrictions, as the property sits on the junction with the Main Road.

Due to bad parking on the corner, traffic flow is severely restricted at times and hinders pedestrians when crossing Church Road.

**Proposal:** to recommend SUPPORTING the extension - with added observations.

**Proposed:** Cllr C Keeble **Seconded:** Cllr J Hawkins **Vote:** all in favour

**10. PLANNING DECISIONS: to consider a response if required.**

No Decisions received.

**11. HMS Ganges- update if available and to consider any further action**

The Case Officer could find no mention of the application being given a final date for the signing of the s106 agreement. Cllrs were of the opinion that this had come from the previous Case Officer and a previous DCllr. There had been minor adjustments, which were waiting to be signed off.

**12 Enforcement updates - if available**

*Church Road:* a resident had contacted BDC again, as the large shed had still not been removed. Clerk to write.

**13. Report from Cllrs and Clerk: on items to be considered for next agenda (if necessary.)**

Clerk had not yet received the information requested from the PMBMCIC.

**14. DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 in the PAVILION at 7.30pm..... if applications are received.**

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 7.25pm.

Signed .....Cllr Rosie Kirkup.....

Date .....27/10/2015.....

These minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman, Cllr Rosie Kirkup, at the meeting held on 27/10/2015.