

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 commencing at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Present: Mr W Pipe, Mrs J Kelm, Mr P Hodge, Mr D Lugo, Mrs J Ellinor, Mr T Beckett, Ms P Procter, Mr H Brightwell & Mrs C Frost (Clerk).

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Apologies.** The Chairman welcomed everyone present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mr Vickery and Mr Whiting.
2. **Public Forum.** There were no members of the public at the meeting.
3. **To receive declarations of interest.** There were none.
4. **Planning Matters** – (a) application DC16/5414/FUL & 16/5415/LBC – Church Farmhouse, The Street, Tuddenham St Martin. Conversion redundant agricultural building to residential annexe.

The application was carefully considered and particular attention was paid to the Suffolk Coastal District Council Tuddenham St Martin Conservation Area Appraisal (March 2016) as the Church Farm buildings are included in this document. A resident had contacted the Parish Council in general approval of the plans but stating that it was essential that any conversion blends sympathetically with adjacent buildings. Concern had also been raised about the proposed design of the window and door openings of the 2 storey granary part of the conversion as they appeared to be with an arched design on the plans, which was out of keeping with adjacent buildings. Attention had also been drawn to timber components needing to be black (to remain in keeping with adjacent buildings) and the unusual inclusion in the plans of fascia boards below the guttering. The Parish Council agreed with the concerns raised but also agreed that in principal the conversion and re-use of a redundant building would be a beneficial development. There was further deliberation of the plans, which it was agreed, were lacking in sufficient detail. There was concern raised about the concrete steps proposed on the north-east elevation. It was also known that there is a brick building within the adjoining steel barn proposed for parking but no proposal relating to the internal brick building had been made on the plans. It was stressed that as well as the need to use appropriate materials and finishes in keeping with the adjoining buildings in this conservation area, any landscaping should be sympathetic to the overall rural environment. General wording to provide comments to the District Council were agreed and the Clerk was instructed to also include reference to the Conservation Area Appraisal. In addition the Parish Council would expect details to apply to the level of the conditions agreed by the District Council under granted application 13/2784, which related to a different outbuilding at the same address.

**5. Items for next agenda**

- (a) **To consider the Housing Review**
- (b) **To discuss improvements to the village environment.**
- (c) **To consider any proposals relating to a Northern By-Pass**

6. **Date of next meetings:** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 & 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Mrs C Frost  
Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin