

Minutes of the Tuddenham St Martin Parish Council virtual meeting held on 25th March 2021 commencing at 7.31pm on the Zoom platform.

Present: Mr H Brightwell, Mr D Lugo, Ms P Procter, Mr J Bird, Mrs H Hollier, Mrs J Ellinor, Mrs T Weller, Mr T Fryatt (District Councillor) and Mrs C Frost (Clerk). There was 1 member of the public present. The meeting was quorate but sound difficulties were experienced during the meeting.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies Mr Brightwell (Vice Chair) introduced himself and let everyone know that he would preside over this meeting in the absence of Mr Pipe (Chairman) and in accordance with Standing Orders. Mr Brightwell welcomed everyone present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mr Pipe (Chairman), Mr Hedgley (District Councillor) and Mr Hicks (County Councillor).

2. Public Forum No additional Items were requested to be raised. Everyone was reminded that the meeting was being recorded for Minute taking purposes only and that the recording would be deleted immediately after the Minutes were approved at the next meeting.

3. To receive declarations of interest There were none.

4. Planning Matters – including:

(a) Application DC/21/0992/FUL – Fynn Lane – Annex Discussion included the following comments:

- Nice to see opportunities like this are being taken by villagers, and that it is a similar application to that considered last July in a different part of the village.

Sound difficulties, which appeared to result from feedback issues, were expressed by attendees and it was agreed that everyone present would mute if not speaking. The meeting continued with the following comments:

- Applicant had made effort to demonstrate the annex will remain as part of the main dwelling currently on site, such as the shared drainage.
- Would prefer to see a design and colouring of the building in keeping with the existing surrounding landscape.
- Mrs Ellinor reported that Mr Pipe had emailed Parish Councillors prior to the meeting with his understanding that the applicant was thinking along the lines of a natural timber finish which would weather down to a grey colour and Mrs Ellinor thought this should be noted in any comments submitted to the District Council.
- Supporting comment was made for a natural finish.
- This design makes exceptionally good use of the plot. It does not require separate vehicle access.
- The applicant had already discussed the application with the Planning Dept. in order to assess what would and would not be acceptable.
- Could not see anything in this application to object to. It makes good use of the plot.
- It seems to fulfil the criteria for Policy SCLP5.13: Residential Annexes (East Suffolk Council - Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, Adopted September 2020).
- This is a considered planning application.
- Mr Fryatt welcomed the unanimous agreement about the application.
- In reply to a question, the applicant reported that the intention had always been to use natural timber which would fade, and to enhance the environment and not take away from the aspect of the existing house.
- In reply to a question, the Clerk reported that the previously considered annex application was supported subject to the condition or planning obligation be applied to limit occupation to use as an annex and to prevent future use as a separate dwelling.
- **Mrs Ellinor proposed support of the application subject to the provision just reported by the Clerk.**

Due to sound difficulties, the Clerk was asked to repeat the condition.

- **Mrs Hollier seconded the proposal by Mrs Ellinor, including that it was subject to the condition or planning obligation be applied to limit occupation to use as an annex and to prevent future use as a separate dwelling. This was unanimously approved.**

The sound was reported to have continued to deteriorate, making it difficult for any further debate to take place. Mr Brightwell drew attention to recent consultations received via email by the Parish Council that the Parish Council may wish to consider under Planning Matters and Mr Fryatt gave background information on the East Suffolk consultations.

Mrs Hollier gave apologies and left the meeting.

Mr Bird drew attention to a survey emailed to the Parish Council from Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council, which had a deadline of 7th May 2021 for response, but it was difficult for the meeting to continue and consider debating anything further in view of the sound feedback issues. The Clerk would email Parish Councillors again to remind them of the deadlines for the consultations and survey, so a date could be considered about a possible additional meeting prior to 4th May 2021.

5. Items for next agenda

- Response to the survey from Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council regarding concerns with openness and transparency of East Suffolk Council's planning protocol.
- Review of Clerk's salary.

6. Date of next scheduled meeting. 4th May 2021. This would be the Annual Parish meeting and commence at 7pm. It would be followed immediately afterwards by the Parish Council meeting.

Mr Brightwell thanked everyone for attending and everyone was also thanked for bearing with the sound issues. The Meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Mrs C Frost - Parish Clerk. Tuddenham St Martin