

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE of CHELMONDISTON PARISH COUNCIL held in the PAVILION on Tuesday 25th JUNE 2013 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr R Kirkup, Cllr Keeble, Cllr J Hawkins, Cllr M Stevens and Cllr A Fox.

In attendance: the Clerk, Fran Sewell

Public: Cllr Dot Cordle and Cllr Beryl Walker

1. **Welcome by Chairman:** *Cllr Rosie Kirkup* welcomed all and opened the meeting at 7.30pm
2. **Apologies for Absence:** *to receive apologies*
None.
3. **Dispensations:** *to consider any requests.*
None.
4. **Declaration of Interests:** *to receive personal & pecuniary interests from Cllrs on items to be considered at this meeting.*
Cllr Fox apologised for being late and declared a prejudicial interest in **Item 10 - Decisions** B/13/00106/FUL/LB - Waldamar
5. **Minutes of the Meeting:** *to agree minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2013*
The minutes were agreed to be a true record by those who had been present and were duly signed by the Chairman.
6. **Matters Arising:** *to report on matters arising from meeting on 4th June 2013*
 - 6.1 - **Item 6.1:** *HMS Ganges Mast ..* Clerk had written to Babergh (Ben Elvin, Planning Enforcement) suggesting that the Mast is checked by a qualified professional and should not be linked to the applicant's planning application. BDCllr John Deacon had also written agreeing with this committee's concerns and requests. The Enforcement Officer replied (to Cllr Deacon) that he was not in a position to advise on either the condition or what work was required, as that would be for a specialist surveyor to consider. The Officer has been charged with responding to a question raised by Suffolk CCllr David Wood to the Strategy Cttee around this subject and he will be responding to all parties after he has had further discussions.
7. **Public Participation Session:** *for the public to talk to Cllrs about items on the agenda*
Cllr Dot Cordle and Cllr Beryl Walker had no comment to make: they were there to observe.
8. **Correspondence:** *To respond to general correspondence received before the meeting on 25th June 2013 and to take any action deemed necessary.*
None.
9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** *to consider a response to Applications received..*

B/12/00500/FUL - Former HMS Ganges Site, Shotley Gate.

Amendments to application: (i) Response to BDC's formal request for clarification and/or additional information, as part of Environmental Assessment (Reg 22). (ii) Design & Layout changes to Parade Ground. (iii) Changes to sight lines & consequential changes to landscaping. (iv) Re-location of some refuse collection points. (v) Changes to location & design of balancing pond. (vi) Changes to affordable housing provision. (vii) Changes to cycle parking. (viii) Changes to the red line boundary of application site. (ix) Full design of access between site & King Edward VII Drive (and safety audit).

Clerk had been unable to speak with Shotley PC prior to this meeting. She confirmed that a time extension for recommendations, to 12th July and been agreed by Babergh. All plans etc had been provided on disc.

The Env't Impact Assessment: Chapter on Flood Risk and Drainage has been completely replaced. The application has been subjected to a design review by Shape East and their comments had been taken on board.

Design Changes: *Parade Ground - to be less formal; much of the loosely bonded gravel had been replaced by grass.

*Highways - a new footpath link onto the pedestrian network along with a change to the red line boundary.

*Refuse - change to some collection points.

*Balancing pond - Now situated to the East of the Spine Road. (For surface water not dealt with by soakage elsewhere on the site.)

*Affordable Housing - On the advice of BDC, has been reduced from 57 homes to 43 in order to assist with the uptake of housing by other local providers and to make the project more viable.

Proposed: to write a response and recommendation, especially regarding the drop in affordable housing and reiterating what has been previously said about the inadequate infrastructure especially with regard to the B1456.

Proposed: Cllr A Fox **Seconded:** Cllr C Keeble **Vote:** all in favour

Clerk also suggested that a further letter could be sent to Suffolk CC Highways to strongly request that the parish is consulted on the possible future traffic calming measures. This was agreed.

B/13/00540 - 23 Woodlands, Chelmondiston IP9 1DU

Erection of raised platform with outbuilding (Photos attached).

Children's playhouse, with windows and veranda, on legs; already in situ.

Prior to this meeting, a resident/s had contacted Babergh with concerns about the height of the playhouse, which towered above the 6' garden fence and the garage by several feet. Babergh (Enforcement) had visited the site. The applicant had responded by letter to the Enforcement Officer. This letter was read out.

Proposed: to recommend REFUSING the application, as the construction was visually intrusive to adjacent properties, and much higher than the normally accepted height of fences.

Proposed: Cllr C Keeble **Seconded:** Cllr M Stevens **Vote:** 3 in favour 1 against. (Cllr Fox)

10. PLANNING DECISIONS: *to consider a response to Decisions received..*

B/13/00431/FHA/JP - 3 Rectory Field, Chelmondiston, IP9 1HY

Erection of single storey rear extension and front porch (following demolition of existing single-storey rear element and front porch).

Babergh DC gives notice that permission has been GRANTED.

B/13/00106/FUL/LB - Waldamar, The Barges, Pin Mill, Chelmondiston IP9 1JW

Installation of Jetty.

Babergh DC gives notice that permission has been REFUSED.

Awaiting Decisions:

B/12/01123 ...Butt & Oyster ... "Called in" to BDC's Planning Committee on **26th June 2013**. Cllr Keeble, representing this PC Cttee, would speak against the application.

B/13/00309 ... Dwiny Cottage, Pin Mill (no update)

Appeal:

B/12/01412 ... The Crow's Nest, Pin Mill .. Appeal date: 06/06/2013 until 18/07/2013

Documentation previously sent to Babergh regarding the application will be forwarded to the Inspector. Clerk to write further to the Inspector.

11. PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS:

Core Strategy: Further Proposed Modifications Comments to BDC by 4pm 9th July

www.babergh.gov.uk under planning

The Committee had no further comments to make.

'New' Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Affordable Housing.

www.babergh.gov.uk under planning Comments to BDC by 4pm 5th July

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

Members were concerned about the lack of advance communication from Babergh planning officers. Clerk had still not received answers to queries and suggestions raised about their planning 'information' policies. Clerk will put on the next agenda.

13. DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: TUESDAY 16th JULY 2013 in the PAVILION at 7.30pm..... if applications are received.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

SignedCllr C Keeble

Date16/07/2013.....

The minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed on 16th July by the Chairman, Cllr C Keeble.