

MONKS ELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ADDITIONAL MEETING OF 11 APRIL 2017

The Additional Parish Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 11 April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Chairman, Cllr. J Clarke, welcomed the following Parish Councillors – P Derry, D Reynolds, P Day and A Keitley-Webb, and the Parish Clerk Nicola Smith. Three members of the public were also in attendance.

In accordance with the changes in legislation, the public and councillors were permitted to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of the meeting, subject to complying with certain provisions. ***A full transcript of the statement is available from the Parish Clerk upon request.***

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- i. Cllr Forrest was unable to attend the Additional Meeting, as she was away on holiday;
- ii. All Cllrs consented to accept the apology for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- i. To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion – None;
- ii. To receive declaration of gifts and hospitality received – None;
- iii. To consider requests for dispensation for pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion – N/A.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Parishioner raised the issue of planning application for an additional telecommunications mast at Wyncolls Hall Farm, Swingleton Hill (Application No: B/17/00508).

- The Broadband Choices website shows that all providers apart from Talk Talk (who have submitted the application through Waldons) have an excellent to good coverage in Monks Eleigh for 4G, 3G and 2G. Why do we need another mast? Why can't Waldons bolt their equipment onto the existing mast?
- Concern that the height of 17.5 metres is going to be very prominent in the area. Why does it need to be 17.5 metres when other providers are able to get good coverage using the existing 15 metre mast?
- It will spoil the surrounding countryside, and be seen from many areas of the village. Why don't people switch their mobile to those providers that already have good coverage in the area and preserve their surrounding environment?

Signed.....

Dated.....

Cllr Day confirmed that he is with one of the providers that the Broadband Choices website indicates has excellent coverage in the village. However, he has terrible coverage and his employers had to put in an EE box at his home to boost the signal, because he needs to be able to have mobile phone access for part of his work. Cllr Derry reported that she too experiences very poor mobile coverage at home.

Chairman reminded all that it is not just residents who want to use their mobile phones, people that come to the village either to visit friends or family, stay for a holiday or unfortunate enough to have for instance their car break down etc want to be able to use their mobile phone, particularly now that public phone boxes are no longer available. The matter will be considered further by Councillors at item 6i of the Agenda.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Email from SALC regarding “The Great Get Together” event in memory of Jo Cox MP. Cllrs considered whether or not the Village should hold their own event. It would be two weeks after the Church Fete. The community here and nearby villages is not diverse enough to have the impact that the organisers are intending. Perhaps if the Clerk would find out from SALC if there are event being held in Hadleigh or Ipswich then information could be put on the village website so that people could go along to those events to join in the event.

5. UPDATE FROM CLERK

- i. Review of Financial Regulations Policy: Clerk had carried out a review, particularly in light of the review to section 18 of the Standing Orders which reflects the changes in legislation. Councillors confirmed that they had all had the draft revised Financial Regulations ahead of the Meeting. Chairman Cllr Clarke proposed the Council approve and agree the draft revised Financial Regulations, Cllr Day seconded. All Councillors present agreed. Motion carried.
- ii. Update on internal audit prior to external audit by BDO: Clerk and Cllr Derry will carry out a PC internal control Meeting in April. A financial internal audit will need to be carried out independently and the Clerk requested that the Council consider Heelis and Lodge, if the Clerk was unable to engage any person independent who would not charge a fee to the Parish Council. Heelis and Lodge specialise in Parish Council audits. The fee would be £108 (plus VAT). They were based in Wickham Market and also offered a £10 (each way) courier service. Chairman Cllr Clarke proposed that the Clerk engage the services of Heelis and Lodge and this expenditure be approved. Cllr Derry seconded. All Cllrs present agreed.

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6. PLANNING

- i. Application No: B/17/00508 – site at Wyncolls Hall Farm, Swingleton Hill, Monks Eleigh. Notification under Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 – Installation of a 17.5 m high monopole supporting 3no antennas and 2no 600mm diameter dishes, along with 3no equipment cabinets and 1no electrical meter cabinet within a fenced compound and development ancillary thereto.

Cllrs considered the application and made the following comments/observations:-

- Concerns about the proposed height of 17.5 metres which is 2.5 metres higher than the mast that is already on that site;
 - As there is already one mast on the site could Waldons not seek to come to a commercial decision with the owner of the first mast to place their equipment on that as opposed to erecting a second higher mast;
 - When the first mast at 15 metres was erected some of the management agreement conditions have not been met – sufficient screening has not been put in place. Therefore if this second mast was to be erected than any management conditions must be met, as there are concerns that they are impacting on the natural beauty of the area;
 - The Parish Council did request that Waldons conduct their own independent consultation in the Village, which they have to date declined to do, but it is noted they have offered to meet with the Planning Department to answer any questions they have. The Parish Council would like Waldons to engage with the local community in which they intend to place the mast and listen to any question and queries and where possible answer those direct to villagers;
 - The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to write to BMSDC Planning Department and urge them not to grant the application, and instead address these issues with Waldons.
- ii. Application No: B/16/01718 – former Monks Eleigh Controlled School, Churchfield, Monks Eleigh. Outline application – all matters reserved except means of access – Redevelopment of former Monks Eleigh C of E Primary School site for residential development (Class C3) comprising up to 17 dwellings maximum; formation of new vehicular access off Churchfield to replace existing together with associated landscape and related improvements.

Cllrs considered the documents provided with the application. Cllrs requested that Clerk contact the Planning Department and request that information is provided about what has changed regarding the means of access as it is no obvious to them from the documents provided when they compared the existing site plan (Drawing No: HBS-DR-A005 P2) and the proposed site plan (Drawing No: HBS-DR-A001 P8).

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Dated.....

Planning Decision:

Appeal Decision: Ref No: APP/D3505/W/17/3166561 – Tye Farm, Tye Road, Monks Eleigh. The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for use of land for stationing of lodge for use as holiday accommodation at Tye Farm, Tye Road, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7JN in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref B/16/00624/FUL/AS, dated 6 May 2016, and subject to conditions.

As grant of use of the land for stationing of lodge for holiday accommodation had been granted Councillors noted that condition 4, sets out that:-

“Occupation by any persons shall be limited to a maximum of 28 consecutive days, and persons shall not reoccupy any unit on the site at any time during the first 28 days following their most recent stay. Details of the name(s), permanent home address(es) and vehicle registrations of all occupiers of the development hereby approved shall be kept in a register which shall be made available to the local planning authority within 48 hours of request.”

Details of the Appeal Decision together with the conditions to which the appeal is allowed and planning permission granted are available from BMSDC Planning Department.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Next Meeting – 22nd May 2017 (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

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