

MONKS ELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 19th April 2018

The Parish Council Meeting was held on 19th April 2018 at 7.30pm in the United Reformed Church Hall, Monks Eleigh. Chairman Cllr J Clarke welcomed the following Parish Councillors – P Derry, D Reynolds and P Day.

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.*

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence:

- i. Apologies for absence – Cllrs Forrest and Reynolds each on holiday
- ii. Cllrs consented to accept the apologies.

2. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest:

- i. No disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests for the agenda under discussion;
- ii. No declarations of gifts of hospitality received;
- iii. No requests for dispensation for pecuniary interests

- 3. Report re MEPC Applications to list as Assets of Community Value** (under the Localism Act 2011) - The Swan Public House and the Community Shop – The Parish Council initially applied for the ACV as one application and were advised to make two applications for the shop and half the car park and the other for the pub, garden and half the car park. These were added to the list of ACV with effect from 5th April 2018. Monks Eleigh have six weeks for any community group to decide if they wish to make an offer to buy either the pub or shop or both. The pub owner is offering to extend the shop lease to make its future more secure. At the time of applying for the ACV the Parish Council were not aware that the pub was close and to be put on the market. The pub owner is considering keeping the garden for a building project – outline planning permission was given some time ago. There has been a lot of interest from potential purchasers and an offer has been made and others may be made. If it is sold to a third party the ACV expires but Monks Eleigh can make another ACV bid. The reason for obtaining the ACV was to prevent it from not continuing as a pub and becoming a house as many have done.

4. Public Forum

Would it be possible to bid for an ACV on the garden land – no as it is not an area that has been of regular benefit to the community of Monks Eleigh. The Pub owner has outline planning permission for apartments like a motel on the garden land. The shop committee could consider purchase of the shop to secure its future and eliminate paying rent. They could ask if the owner would gift it to them. Shop committee may wish to request a valuation of the shop taking into consideration the work and improvements they have made to the building. However, the village's resources are going into the new village hall and it is a struggle to find people to run all of Monks Eleigh's commitments. The importance of keeping the shop and Post Office is very important so energy has to be focused on retaining it. How to communicate the project to the whole village was raised.

If a community group wishes to make a bid, they can contact the Parish Council or go directly to Babergh. The pub owner understands the importance of Monks Eleigh keeping its, pub, shop and Post Office. This meeting is a preliminary so if a group is interested they will have to have further meetings to discuss how to proceed. Meetings will be advertised on the village website and notice boards at Swingleton Green and the shop as usual. One parishioner informed the meeting that there is a group of people willing to deliver leaflets to the whole village. People in Milden also use the shop on a regular basis.

5. Planning Matters:

- (i) Application DC/18/01321 – Planning Application – Demolition of extensions, removal of existing sand/cement render and replacement with lime based render and erection of single storey extension- Stackwood Cottage, Stackyard Green, Monks Eleigh IP7 7BD
No objection
 - (ii) Application DC/18/01322 – Application for Listed Building Consent – Demolition of extensions, removal of existing sand/cement render and replacement with lime based render and erection of single storey extension- Stackwood Cottage, Stackyard Green, Monks Eleigh IP7 7BD
No objection
 - (iii) Application DC/18/01387 – Planning Application – Erection of new dwelling, cart lodge and garden room workshop. Associated landscaping works and creation of new vehicular access. Installation of photovoltaic panels to existing barn – Former Rushbrooks Nursery site, The Street, Monks Eleigh IP7 7AU
No objection
 - (iv) Listed Building Consent DC/18/00896 – Internal alterations as described on the application form to provide first floor en-suite toilet and shower room to the second bedroom – 1 The Willows, The Street, Monks Eleigh IP7 7AU
No objection
- The following planning permissions have been granted*
- (v) Planning Permission DC/18/00759 – Erection of detached cert lodge with associated extended driveway, following demolition of existing garage- Second Pits, Highlands Road, Monks Eleigh IP7 7QQ
 - (vi) Planning Permission DC/18/00621 – Erection of a detached 3 bedroom dwelling with car parking. Fen Cottage, Brent Eleigh Road, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7JG.
 - (vii) Planning Permission DC/18/00724 – Demolition of existing single storey link and erection of a two storey link extension. Erection of single storey extension and raised veranda. Addition of vertical cladding to front elevation – Second Pits, Highlands Road, Monks Eleigh IP7 7QQ
 - (viii) No Objection DC/18/01022 – Trees in a Conservation Area Notification –Silver Birch - Removal of tree. – Foysters Lodge, Hadleigh Road, Monks Eleigh IP7 7AX

6. Councillors' Reports

Resolved to organise a meeting 9th May 7.30pm for Monks Eleigh to learn more about ACV and the possible options. Cllr Clarke to contact Stephanie Osborne (Communities Officer, Babergh). Cllr Derry to book United Reform Church. Clerk to purchase 2 A boards to advertise meetings

7. Date of next meeting: Annual Parish Council Meeting 21 May 2018

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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