

## NOWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Present:** Councillor - Mr Henry Hopking (Chairman)  
Councillor - Mrs Carol Perry  
Councillor - Mr Mike May  
Councillor - Ms Abigail Smith  
Parish Clerk - Mrs Pauline Stoddart

This meeting was called specifically to consider Planning Applications and Planning Policies.

Prior to the meeting commencing, 10 Minute Public Forum – Three members of the public were present for the whole meeting. During the Public Forum the parishioners commented on one agenda item (3), commenting that they felt the proposed dwelling would not be detrimental to the area and expressed no concerns, other than those associated with site access during construction.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr. Flatt.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none.
3. **DC/22/0034/LB** – 3 Low Green, Nowton, IP29 5ND – Application for listed building consent – a) repair or replace nine windows; b) repair or replace other exterior details (including dormer apron and chimney stacks)

After discussion, Councillors resolved to support the application. **Action: Clerk**

4. **DC/22/0105/FUL** – Breckey Ley, Old Town Lane, Nowton IP29 5LT – Application for a) one dwelling (following demolition of the existing Dower House; b) workshop with covered parking; c) orangery.

The Chairman explained that this was a three-part application, contained within one planning application. He had spoken to the Planning Officer responsible for this particular application who had advised that the application was due to be considered by WSC the following week. The Officer advised that various amendments to the wording of the application were due to be made, although these were not thought to be fundamental changes.

After full discussion, Councillors resolved to support the application, whilst including the following comments, arising from some concerns expressed during discussion.

**Action: Clerk**

- Councillors request that WSC ensure that residents in the immediate vicinity of the site, including those in Mayfield Road and particularly Riverwalk School, are notified of this planning application, if they have not already been so, because Councillors were particularly concerned that the additional heavy traffic and noise caused during construction may have a negative effect on the pupils attending the special needs school.
- Councillors considered safety as paramount, especially during construction when heavy and multiple vehicles would be using the narrow roads; it was noted that the site entrance is very near to South Lee School, where children would be crossing.

- Concerns were expressed with regards to the highly reflective nature of the materials being used in the construction of the dwelling house. Councillors hoped that appropriate non-reflective glass would be used.
- Councillors requested that should there be any material changes made to the application, Nowton Parish Council would be re-consulted.

5. **Draft Policy Statement** – A draft Policy Statement on planning had been previously circulated. Councillors resolved that this was a good starting point for a Planning Policy, which could be regularly reviewed at least annually, and requested the Clerk to produce the final statement for adoption at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

6. **Scheme of Delegation** to the Parish Clerk, draft paper. A draft paper had been previously circulated. Councillors resolved that this was a useful delegation to have in place and requested the Clerk to produce the final paper for adoption at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

7. **Next meeting** – Wednesday 2 March, 7.30 pm

Future 2022 meetings: 6 April; 18 May *Annual Parish Council meeting and Annual Assembly of the Parish*; 6 July; 21 September; 19 October; 7 December.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

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