

STRADISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the planning meeting held on Monday 10th August 2020 via Zoom due to Coronavirus restrictions

Councillors present: Ady Swift (chairman), Adrian Lee (Vice-Chairman), Ian Hutchinson and Jonathan Masefield

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ed Hollingsworth.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda and dispensation requests

Jonathan Masefield declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3a on the agenda and no dispensation requests were received.

3. Planning

a) DC/20/1180/HH - The Coppers, St Margaret's Place, Stradishall - Boundary wall and gate

It was resolved that the Parish Council would object to this application for the following reasons:

- **Policy DM17 c, g and g – Conservation areas**

Proposals for development within, adjacent to or visible from a Conservation Area should:

c) retain important natural features such as open spaces, plot divisions, boundary treatments, and trees and hedges, which contribute to the special character of the area;

A hedge will need to be removed in order for the new wall to be built.

f) use materials and building techniques which complement or harmonise with the character of the area

The colour of the proposed wall is not in keeping with the surrounding area and does not complement or harmonise with the character of the area.

g) demonstrate a clear understanding of the significance of the Conservation Area and/or its setting, alongside an assessment of the potential impact of the proposal on that significance.

The proposal does not demonstrate a clear understanding of the significance of the Conservation Area as the design is not in keeping with anything else in the area.

Stradishall Parish Council would also like to submit the following comments:

The applicant began by building a side wall which did not require planning permission as it was classed as permitted development. This wall was over 1m high in places, contrary to the rules of permitted development so soil was banked up along the wall to bring it within the 1m height.

This application relates to the front wall of the property which will link to the side wall. Had planning permission been required for the side wall, the Parish Council would have objected for the reasons stated above. In order to build the side wall a hedge was removed during the nesting season and a TCA application was not submitted.

To build the front wall, a hedge will also need to be removed, however question 6 on the application form states that no trees or hedges will have to be removed. The Parish Council is concerned that this hedge will also be removed without planning permission.

It was resolved that a copy of the Parish Council's response would also be sent to Stradishall's district councillors.

4. To discuss requirements for website accessibility to meet the international WCAG 2.1 AA accessibility standard

One Suffolk has carried out an accessibility audit to check that the Parish Council's website meets the required standard. A number of issues were found which have been corrected. It was resolved that the payment of £120 + VAT would be approved.

5. Any other business for noting or including on the next agenda

The clerk updated councillors on the progress of the bank mandate form. HSBC sent the last form back, despite the fact that the clerk had rung HSBC to check that it was the correct form. A new form has been sent. The clerk has made a formal complaint to HSBC about the fact that she has been told different information each time she rings. HSBC is currently looking into the complaint.

The clerk informed the Council of her proposal to work Monday – Thursday only. Councillors confirmed that they were happy with this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed: **Dated:**