

DALHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of planning meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2014

Those present: Rachael Padman (Chairman), Jackie Bolton (Vice-Chairman) Isobel Aylott and Jerry Atkinson. Lauren Gibson Green, Andrew Fleet and Lucy Bucknall from Strutt and Parker were also present.

1 member of the public attended the Open Forum at the start of the meeting. The following issues were raised during the Open Forum

J Porter spoke about the resolution to register the pub as a Community Asset. He felt there had been a failure of due process: there should have been discussion with him beforehand, and he should have been given an opportunity to disagree. He was assured that the item would be included on the agenda of the next meeting on 18th March 2014.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda.

3. Planning - presentation by Lauren Gibson Green from the Dalham Estate and Andrew Fleet to show the reworked plans for the Old School House.

The chairman noted that pre-planning meetings such as this were now approved policy, and were encouraged by the planning authority. Discussions should be on a "no surprises" basis. Any objections to the plans should be registered at this meeting. The team from Strutt and Parker presented the revised plans for the Old School House. These had been restarted from scratch. The main points are:

- The house will be refurbished as a 5 bedroomed family property and let on the open market
- The existing façade will be retained to the SW and SE.
- The paddock below the house will be included in the let
- The footprint of the property has been reduced compared with previous plans and with current building
- The roof will remain the same. There has been no change in elevations.
- The walls may need to be insulated to achieve a better EPC rating than D

After further discussion with the Parish Council it was agreed that:

- The new roof lights would be "conservation" style (less boxy with less projection)
- The ornamental quoins would be retained
- The new walls where necessary would match original materials
- The original doors and handmade fittings would be retained where possible
- The windows would be in painted softwood

Council members agreed that the new plans responded to all the points raised in response to the previous submission and welcomed the revised plans.

4. Resignation of councillors

C Carr, A Carr and V Azzuri have resigned from the Council. The Council thanked them for their service. It was resolved that Forest Heath District Council will be notified of their resignation.

5. Finance

a) To add two new signatories to the Council's current account and application for a new reserve account

As a result of the resignation of A Carr and V Azzuri R Padman is the only remaining signatory. It was resolved that I Aylott, J Bolton and J Atkinson would be added as signatories, with any two signatories required at any time.

6. Correspondence:

- a)** E-mail from a resident re the emptying of the bin near the Affleck Arms which is locked and so cannot be emptied at present.
It was resolved that J Atkinson would remove the existing lock and the Parish Council would reimburse him up to £10 for a replacement padlock, with one key to be kept at the Affleck Arms.

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

It was noted that the pub is unhappy about the recycling bins being moved to the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed (Chairman) Dated