

YELLING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th February 2023 **in the Thatch Barn at 7.30 p.m.**

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23.20 Apologies for absence:

Mr R. West, District Councillor.

23.20.1 Present:

Miss K. Davies (Chair), Mr A. Fusco (Vice-chairman), Mrs S. Ascroft, Mr J. Peal, Mr C. Griffith, Mr T. Race and Mr G. Reilly-Lloyd.

Mr S. Ferguson, County Councillor.

23.21 Declarations of interest:

Mrs Ascroft declared an interest, (non-pecuniary), in respect of Item 11 and confirmed she would not participate in discussion or vote on the item.

23.22 Agenda Item 3: Public Open Forum

No parishioners present.

23.23 Agenda Item 4: Verbal reports from County and District Councillors (if in attendance)

Mr Ferguson reported on the following items.

(a) The County Council was aware poor condition of the roads in the area. It is responsible for 2,700 miles of roads and, at the worst point had received 5,000 reports of potholes in one week. There were logistical problems with the notice requirements for closing roads hence the need for temporary repairs. The intention is to effect immediate temporary repairs with more permanent solutions when possible.

(b) For the 2024 Financial Year, council tax would be increased by;

- 4.9% for Cambs CC;
- 3.3% by Huntingdonshire District Council;
- The maximum allowed by the Police & Crime Commissioner;
- A £12 increase in the levy for bus services.

- (c) The consultation period for responses on the changes to the flight paths into Luton Airport implemented by NATS has been extended by three months to June 2023.

23.24 Agenda Item 5: Planning application 23/00165/HHFUL: 10 Bridle End

The Chair confirmed that the members of the Council had had the opportunity to review the documentation associated with this application for the re-roofing of the existing dwelling, demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions.

The Council noted that these proposals have been submitted following the withdrawal of a previous application 22/02120/HHFUL. The withdrawn application proposed a two storey extension close to the boundary of the property with 12 Bridle End and is intended to address certain concerns raised by HDC's planning and conservation officers about the impact that extension would create. As a result, the current application proposes the replacement of the two storey rear extension with a single storey rear extension with a flat roof.

After discussion, it was proposed by Mr Griffith, Seconded by Mr Reilly-Lloyd and carried unanimously to recommend approval as the proposals:

- (i) will not materially change the view of the property from the public highway and, hence, have no impact to the setting of the grade II listed property, Home Farmhouse, located opposite the site;
- (ii) the rear single storey extension is intended to minimise any privacy and loss of daylight concerns impacting to the setting of the adjacent grade II listed property, Brook Farmhouse;
- (iii) the proposed new construction is considered sympathetic in design and intended use of materials with the surrounding properties but will benefit from modern standards for energy efficiency;
- (iv) other than as mentioned under (b) above, there do not appear to be any significant impacts to the residential amenity of neighbouring properties nor to the Yelling Conservation Area generally;
- (v) there do not appear to be any other material considerations to suggest that the proposal is unacceptable.

23.25 Agenda Item 6: Traffic management strategy plan

- (a) A428 Highways England Development Consent Order application - Judicial Review

The application for judicial review by Transport Action Network has been rejected by a High Court judge but is now proceeding to an oral hearing.

23.26 Agenda Item 7: Footpath, footway and carriageway matters

(a) Quotation for repairs to bridge and repainting

- In progress.

(b) Quotations for repainting of dragon's teeth & white lining at eastern village approach

- In progress.

(c) Repairs to sections of bridge on footpath from centre of village

- Mr Ferguson confirmed that the Rights of Way Officer position is still vacant but that the repairs should still be undertaken within the scope of Cambs CC's existing staffing and fault reporting operations.

23.27 Agenda Item 8: National Air Traffic Services - Luton Airport stacking pattern

It was agreed that further discussion should be deferred until after the public meeting was to be held at Little Gransden Village Hall on 23rd February.

23.28 Agenda Item 9: Coronation of King Charles III

(a) The Clerk advised that he had received an email from HDC confirming the various protocols that were to be followed by local authorities but that, in practice, the Council would not be impacted.

(b) Mr Griffith advised that:

- the Social Club had not yet made a decision about whether it could stage an event given the Yelling Beer Festival would be taking place across the preceding Spring bank holiday weekend;
- he understood that some consideration was being given as to whether the Events Committee would be able to organise an event but this was as yet unclear;

(c) Mrs Ascroft had previously circulated details of a selection of commemorative mugs and coins.

After discussion, a budget of £900 was agreed for the purchase of mugs, (to a design to be agreed), with the intention of one mug for each household with any remaining to be made available for purchase at cost.

23.29 Agenda Item 10: Registration of Clay Pits land - Update

The Clerk advised that Mr Bownass had confirmed that the UK Land Registry had registered the Clay Pits land with effect from 1st February 2023 but could not grant an absolute title in the absence of original title deeds. The title registered, number CB464084, is a possessory title which may be converted to an absolute title after 12 years, or earlier, if additional evidence comes to light.

23.30 Agenda Item 11: Flower Festival 2023 - Promotion & advertising

The Council approved Mrs Ascroft's request to utilise the gates at the approaches to the village to post promotional and advertising media for the Church Flower Festival to be held this coming August.

23.31 Agenda Item 12: Accounts to pay

None.

23.32 Agenda Item 13: Items for future consideration - (for information only)

The Council to consider meeting the cost of the replacement of rotten post at cricket field kissing gate to expedite the repair.

Vandalism noted to drainage contractor's JCB while parked near cricket field.

23.33 The meeting closed at 20.50.