

**BRADFIELD ST CLARE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF AN ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 MARCH 2021 AT  
7PM BY WAY OF VIDEO CONFERENCING**

The Chairman Cllr J Kirk welcomed the following Cllrs: M Hignett and Paul Foster, together with the Parish Clerk- N Smith. Mrs Sue Leal also present at the meeting in relation to item 5 of the Agenda. Borough Cllr Sara Mildmay-White was present. Also present was 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence – Cllr Deuchesne. Cllrs consented to his absence - see item 2. County Cllr Karen Soons also sent her apologies, she had a previous engagement that she had to attend.
2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr Deuchesne has previously declared, and continues to declare, an interest in item 6 of this Agenda.
3. Minutes: Cllrs considered the draft Minutes of 9 February 2021. Cllr Hignett proposed and Chair Cllr Kirk seconded that the draft Minutes were a true record of that meeting. All Cllrs present agreed.
4. Public Forum:  
Two parishioners present commented on the Appeal under item 6 of the Agenda. The paperwork seems to indicate that a bid was put in but was not enough. Whilst someone else may have put a bid in monetary terms to the owner of Pitchers Green Farm, they would like to make it clear that they had not. They had declared their interest in purchasing in an informal manner with the owner, who knew them, and they had all been sat around their kitchen table. No sums of money had been discussed, the owner had simply said he would be interested in selling once he had planning permission.  
Parishioners and Cllrs enquired of Borough Cllr Mildmay-White why the planning department had done a U turn at a late stage, and why had the Applicant/Appellant been shown a draft of the report that Adam Ford (the planning officer at that stage dealing with the matter), as much reference has been made to it within the Appeal documentation, but at no time had the Parish Council seen that document or any references within it until reading the Appeal document. Cllr Mildmay-White said that she did not know why the U turn, and neither did she know why Adam Ford had show a draft report to the Applicant/Appellant.  
Cllrs asked Clerk to write to the Planning Officer Gareth Durrant to see if he could provide any information.
5. Co-option:  
Mrs Sue Leal has indicated that she would be interested in being co-opted to the Parish Council. She has previously experience as a Parish Cllr. Chair Cllr Kirk proposed and Cllr Hignett seconded that Mrs leal be co-opted on to the Parish Cllr. Cllr Foster also agreed. Motion carried. Cllrs welcomed Mrs Leal on to the PC. Clerk will obtain Register of Interest form and advise West Suffolk Council.

Signed.....

Dated.....

6. Planning Appeal – Pitchers Green Farm DC/20/0506/FUL and DC/20/0507/LB West Suffolk Council Appeal Ref: AP/21/0010/STAND planning appeal and listed building appeal. Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/F3545/W/21/3266688

This matter has now been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate to be considered under the appeal process for both the full planning and listed building planning applications. All comments both for objection and support have been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate by West Suffolk Council. The PC are to consider at this meeting any further representation they wish to make. Clerk had provided a draft document based on previous concerns raised, which Cllrs commented further on. Clerk will make amendments and email to Cllrs to approve ahead of submitting to the Planning Inspectorate ahead of the deadline.

7. Date of next meeting: Clerk explained that as of 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the PC will no longer be permitted to have meetings remotely as the legislation that had been put in place to enable that to happen legally will come to an end. Under central governments approach to coming out of the current Covid-19 lockdown the PC would not be able to meet as a gathering until after 17<sup>th</sup> May. The Chair therefore agreed, and was supported by other Cllrs to bring the next meeting forward from 11 May. **It will now be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.** Groups and organisations in the village had provided reports for the Annual Parish Meeting and it will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The meeting will be held by Zoom.

Meeting closed: 8.12pm