

BRAMPTON ASH PARISH COUNCIL
APPROVED MINUTES of the SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING

Tuesday 16 April 2013, 7.30pm at: 16 Hermitage Road, Brampton Ash

Present:

Parish Council Members:

Stephen Power (SP) (Chair)

Nick Bevan (NB)

Teresa Hilliard (TH)

Reg Stewart (RS)

Liz Evans (LE) (Clerk)

Members of the Public:

P. Martin (PM)

R. Walker (RW)

Action by:

1. Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

None received

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Heather Shuttleworth.

3. Planning Matters:

Councillors considered the following planning application:

KET/2013/0183

APPLICANT: Mr R Walker

LOCATION: 12 Hermitage Road, Brampton Ash

PROPOSAL: Full Application: Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension

Aspects of the design were discussed; RW explained that the side extension was to be stepped down in order to appear less dominant and the windows shown on the current plan for the rear elevation were to be replaced with a more traditional design. RS noted that an existing unattractive brick wall was to be replaced with stone which would match the existing building and the proposed extensions; RW said that reclaimed materials, sympathetic to the environment, would be used wherever possible. PM, homeowner of the adjacent property, commented that the architect, Leaf Design, claimed to have consulted with neighbours but had not approached him. He pointed out that the extension to his own property had retained the original footprint of his house, whereas the neighbouring proposed works would, he thought, almost double the footprint of that property: whilst agreeing that the design was an attractive one, he believed that the erection of a 2-storey, 5-metre wide wall adjacent to his own property was too large and it would be visually and aesthetically intrusive so, for that reason, he requested that RW consider reducing the width to around 3 metres. RW felt that it would not be viable to reduce the size of the proposed extension as currently the property had only two bedrooms, which was insufficient and, at

Signed

Chair

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some future time, he was likely to work from home and would, therefore, need extra space to do so.

Whilst acknowledging PM's concerns, those present generally supported the proposal as it was deemed to be in keeping with existing buildings, the plot was large enough to accommodate it, it would not cause significant loss of light to the neighbouring property and any visual impact when entering the village would be hidden by a large tree. Councillors suggested that PM and RW hold discussions between themselves to find mutually acceptable ways to lessen the impact of the new wall, perhaps with planting, fencing, or a combination of both, or possibly with minor amendments to the plans

PM and RW left the meeting at 8.10pm; parish councillors felt that the parish council had no proper grounds to object to the proposed plans and subsequently indicated that they would unanimously support the application for the reasons stated above. LE would inform KBC of their decision.

LE

4. Any other business

To consider any other business of an urgent nature that could not be dealt with at the next ordinary meeting of the parish council

4.1

Letter from Northamptonshire Highways regarding ownership of Brampton Ash bus shelter.

It was confirmed that the bus shelter is the property of Brampton Ash Parish Council; LE would inform Northamptonshire Highways prior to the cut-off date of 30 April 2013.

LE

Date and venue of next meeting:

Thursday 16 May, 2013, at 20 Hermitage Road, to be followed by the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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