

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

Thursday 21 November 2013, 7.30pm
At Dingley Village Hall, Church Lane, Dingley

Present:

Parish Council Members:

Nick Bevan (NB) (In the Chair)

Teresa Hilliard (TH)

Liz Evans (LE) (Clerk)

Reg Stewart (RS) (left the meeting at 8.12pm)

Heather Shuttleworth (HS)

Members of the Public:

P Martin (left the meeting at 8.12pm)

J Power (left the meeting at 8.14pm)

Action by:

1. Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations were received.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Steve Power, due to work commitments.

3. Planning Matters:

To consider the following planning application:

KET/2013/0666

APPLICANT: Mr P Martin

LOCATION: 14 Hermitage Road, Brampton Ash

PROPOSAL: Full Application: Conversion of Outbuildings

Councillors viewed the plans and discussed them with P Martin (applicant).

Parish Councillors were unable to support the application in its present form as a number of apparent discrepancies were identified on the plans, principally:

Drawing no. 13.004

The boundary lines shown on the inset location plan and the proposed ground floor plan were inconsistent.

Drawing no's. 13.001,2,3,4,5, 6,7

The boundary with the neighbouring property (no.16) appeared to be incorrectly drawn, suggesting that, in some places, the proposed build would encroach on that property.

Drawing no. 13.006

The proposed rear extension roofline was shown in relief rather than being clearly shown; furthermore, the drawing did not illustrate the proposed works in relation to neighbouring properties and therefore it was not possible to get a clear perspective of the proposal in context with its' neighbours.

Drawing no. 13.007

Signed

Chair

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The roofline appeared to encroach on the neighbouring property; also the guttering seemed to discharge onto the neighbours' land.

There was no drawing provided of the south-west elevation.

Planning application form section 12 (Foul Sewage) claimed that this will be disposed of via a mains sewer: Brampton Ash has no main sewer; properties drain to septic tanks. Similarly, section 13 (Assessment of Flood Risk) claimed that surface water will be disposed of via a non-existent main sewer.

Additionally, it was felt that the large expanse of glass linkage between the original building and the proposed extension was visually incongruous as it did not fit well with the overall character of the existing and adjacent buildings, which date mainly from the Georgian era and are largely built of slate and stone: councillors preferred to see the symmetry of the existing buildings maintained. With this in mind, councillors also preferred that the large 3-panelled floor-to-ceiling window on the proposed south elevation, drawing no. 13.006, be replaced with glazing of a more subtle appearance (possibly, for example, a mock garage-door style of glazed unit). Also, planning application form section 10 (Materials) seeks to emphasise the divide between the existing building and the extension by using differently coloured mortar: parish councillors expressed their reservations about the suitability of this.

P Martin, R Stewart and J Power left the meeting at this point.

4. **Financial Matters**

The following items were approved for payment:

Zurich Insurance (Statutory Insurance Cover)	£243.80
Clerk's expenses (Stationery)	£22.99
Clerk's salary	£270.00
Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£30.00
Society of Local Council Clerks (Membership fee)	£48.00

Cheques would be issued and signed by the relevant councillors and passed to the clerk to forward on.

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5. **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

5.1 Ron Coulson Brass Plaque

NB had obtained an estimate of £30-£40 for an engraved brass plaque which was to be placed on the village bench in commemoration of Ron Coulson's service to the parish. He would meet with SP to draft some wording which would be circulated to councillors for their comments.

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5.2 Grit Bin

HS reported that the grit bin was missing from the A6 end of Hermitage Road. LE would contact Northants County Council Highways to see if a replacement could

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be obtained.

5.3 Rural Forum

HS had noted that the agenda for the next meeting of the Rural Forum contained some issues of possible significance to the village. She would attend if possible; unfortunately none of the other councillors present at the meeting would be available to attend.

HS

Date and venue of next meeting:

Thursday 9 January, 2014, venue to be advised

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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