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**Minutes of Battsiford Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.00pm, Battsiford Village Hall, Straight Road, Battsiford**

Present: B Rhodes (BR) (Vice-Chairman), P Aspinall (PA) (Councillor), C Nicholas (CN) (Councillor), N Cleaver (NC) (Councillor), S Zethraeus (SZ) (Councillor)

Attending: Cllr K Oakes (KO) (County Councillor), J Budd (JB) (Public), Mrs Upson (for item 4 a. viii)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr C Knock, S Etherington-Meech (Clerk) & Cllr C Skinner

2. Declarations of Interest

CN declared an interest in planning item 4 a. viii (David Upson Produce) and item 4 a. iv. (Ashburnham House).

3. Public forum

No items were raised.

4. Planning

a. Applications received for consideration

i. DC/19/00742 – Bevants Farm, Burnt House Lane, IP14 2NE – Erection of Detached Cart lodge – Comments by 13th March 2019 - All councillors had viewed the application and were of a neutral position with regard to it. CN had received negative feedback from neighbours, but nothing appeared on the MSDC Planning portal when checked. There was some discussion about whether it was a single-storey cart lodge or whether it was double storey but there were no official objections to the plan.

viii. (b/f) DC/19/01032 – David Upson Produce, Stoke Farm Drive IP14 2NA – Change of use of land for siting of three pottery kilns for recreational purposes – Comments by 25th March 2019 – This item was moved up due to the attendance of Mrs Upson who came to show pictures of various kilns and the items they expect to produce (cups and bowls) as a craft club, not a commercial entity. It was advised by Mrs Upson that the kiln would be in use for between 4 and 12 days a year, and that they would be self-sufficient in terms of the wood they would use to fire it being mainly the product of pruning from the orchards. The fire/smoke is nowhere near that of a regular bonfire and they would be happy to invite the PC and the village in to see the kiln when it is built. The PC was unanimously in support, very much in line with the comments raised last time regarding the positive effects on the village and promotion of the village and amenities as well as the promotion of traditional crafts etc.

ii. DC/18/03787 – Battsiford Hall Barns, Battsiford Hall – Change of use and conversion of barns to 5 dwellings - Comments by 19th March 2019 - Unanimous rejection on the same basis as before as there has been no material change at all in the application. Previous application no. DC/18/03787 & DC/18/03788 comments are still relevant. Sustainability and Infrastructure, access concerns and traffic safety, loss of amenity, listed buildings consent, overdevelopment and design, housing needs survey and a neglect on the part of the applicant to address the highways objection, carry out a speed survey, or address Suffolk wildlife trusts concerns and requirements.

iii. DC/18/03788 – Battsiford Hall Barns, Battsiford Hall – Application for Listed Building Consent. Works to curtilage listed barns to facilitate change of use and conversion to 5. No dwellings – Comments by 19th March 2019 – Comments the same as point 4 a) ii above.

- iv. **DC/19/00924 – Ashburnham House, Straight Road IP14 2LZ – Householder Planning Application – Erection of single storey rear and side extension and replacement of render with cladding – Comments by 19th March 2019** – This is a single storey wraparound extension and cladding to the front of the house. Councillors were unanimously in support of this application.
- v. **DC/19/00535 – School House, Straight Road IP14 2HR – Permission in principle – Erection of 1 dwelling and garage; Erection of additional garage to serve existing dwelling – Comments by 20th March 2019** - Unanimously rejected the plan on the basis that there had been no significant change to the original refusal (please reuse the previous rejection comments) and on top of which, there was a suggestion within the application that our views on sustainability had changed due to the permission granted for Stoke Farm Drive (two dwellings) and it was made quite clear that this proposal for school house is planning to build within the garden of a current period cottage whereas Stoke Farm Drive related to non-overlooked brown fill sites which are intended for occupancy by current residents of the village in line with the evidence collected within our housing needs survey. The occupants have outgrown their small property and are planning to build a bigger family home on brown fill. Their parents will be living in the second bungalow. There were also concerns for the loss of amenity to the neighbours of school house.
- vi. **DC/19/00942 – Plantation House, Mill Road IP14 2LR – Full Planning Application – Erection of 1 dwelling (revised scheme to approved barn conversion under planning permission reference DC/18/03192) – Comments by 20th March 2019** - Unanimous rejection on the basis that the original application promoted less disruption to the surrounding area and a clear sense of wanting to save and convert the current barn building for the primary residence of an immediate family member. If we were asked to deliberate on whether a substantial new build property would be suitable for that location, we would not be in favour at all, in line with a lack of sustainability and a new build property being less in-keeping with the immediate area as the size, shape and overall aesthetics would not be that of the original barn.
- vii. **DC/19/00812 – Land off Stoke Farm Drive IP14 2NA – Reserved matter application for DC/18/04545 – Access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale to be considered for 2 dwellings – Comments by 20th March 2019** - Unanimously in favour of the proposed plans. The plans are not overambitious or in any way commercial and entirely fit the purpose to which they have been applied for.

5. Elections/nomination papers

There was some discussion and clarification as to form filling and submission. Trish volunteered to take the forms to the officer on 14th March 2019 as previously discussed.

6. Clerk Resignation & Vacancy including applications/interviews

Clerk has requested that the vacancy to replace her is filled as soon as possible. The clerk has requested that her last meeting is to be with the newly appointed clerk at the next parish council meeting on Tuesday 2nd April 2019. The application deadline for the vacancy was Thursday 28th February 2019 and interviews have been conducted by the councillors both before and after tonight's meeting and a decision is to be made.

7. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 7.26pm