



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 22 July 2024 commencing at 6pm held at Brantham Village Hall.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED INCLUDED AT APPENDIX B

PRESENT: Cllrs M Bridgeman (Chair), L Cherry, C Donaldson, J Heywood, T Lancaster, A McCraw and E Osben.

Also in attendance: S Keys (Clerk) and 1 members of the public.

PC 07.24.14 OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6pm and thanked all for attending.

PC 07.24.15 APOLOGIES

The Council noted apologies from Cllr Edevane. **These apologies were aif.**

PC 07.24.16 DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND LOCAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- a) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct – there were none declared.
- b) To receive notifications of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50 – there were none submitted.
- c) To note the determination of requests for dispensations for items on the agenda under discussion – there were none to be reported

PC 07.24.17 PUBLIC FORUM

- a) To receive issues from members of the public present on the agenda as written – none.

PC 07.24.18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) DC/24/03035 - Land South Of, Brooklands Road, Brantham, Suffolk - Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to Approval of Reserved Matters DC/19/00881 (288no dwellings) for the Variation of Condition 1 (Compliance with approved drawings) – Council agreed to respond to Babergh District Council with the comments included at APPENDIX A
- b) DC/24/03016 - 18 Valley Close, Brantham, Manningtree, Suffolk CO11 1QG - Erection of single storey side extension – BPC HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE
- c) DC/24/03189 - 38 New Village, Brantham, Manningtree, Suffolk CO11 1RL - - Erection of front, side and rear two storey extensions – BPC HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE

PC 07.24.19 PLANNING DECISIONS

- a) a) DC/24/02181 - 11 Pattern Bush Close, Brantham, Manningtree, Suffolk CO11 1RT - Erection of single storey rear extension. Granted.

PC 07.24.20 DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- a) Finance Committee meeting – Wednesday 28 August 2024, 7pm
- b) Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 04 September 2024, 7pm.

The meeting closed to the public at 6.25pm.

SIGNED.....DATED.....



APPENDIX A

DC/24/03035 | Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to Approval of Reserved Matters DC/19/00881 (288no dwellings) for the Variation of Condition 1 (Compliance with approved drawings) | Land South Of Brooklands Road Brantham Suffolk

BRANTHAM PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE:

Brantham Parish Council reviewed this application to Vary Condition 1 at a meeting on 22 July 2024. The Council noted the following concerns and considerations:

- Babergh District Council previously refused a development of houses on Slough Road. This decision was overturned by the Planning Inspector in 2020 (APP/D3505/W/19/3241261) who stated in his report:
"29. As further evidence of a relative shortage, the average price of housing in the last decade has increased by 57% in Brantham compared to 48% in Babergh as a whole. Affordability has steadily reduced across the district,

36. The need for more affordable housing in Brantham and the cluster as a whole is also clear, and CS paragraph 2.8.5.2 (i) unambiguously states that this issue should be considered on a cluster-wide basis or even wider, with provision in one village able to serve a wider role. The appellants' statement shows that provision is already poor as Brantham

67. the local need for the level of market and affordable housing proposed has been justified in addition to the other planned development in the village to address past under provision of housing, reverse population decline, rebalance the ageing population, provide more affordable housing which is in particularly short supply and better match the substantial employment growth which is planned for the village."

Given these comments the Parish Council believes that it is imperative that Babergh District Council review its own policies and the comments in the report above which will no doubt demonstrate the need for this housing development to continue to provide a number of smaller dwellings to ensure that young families are encouraged to move to or live in Brantham.

- The Parish Council strongly feel that for any development to be "sustainable" it must provide a mix of housing including; affordable/entry level/larger dwellings. Brantham is already well-provided with 4-5 bedroom houses and therefore needs more entry-level accommodation provided by 2-3 bedroom houses.
- The Parish Council would like to encourage the developers to review their pricing structure and their purchase options for potential buyers to make sure that these smaller properties are achievable for young couples and families.
- The Council noted that at the beginning of this development the 2-3 bedroom houses sold very quickly and the Council would like to query why this has not been possible this time? Instead of changing the development the Council would like to suggest (as above) that the marketing model for these properties is reviewed to make them more desirable.
- Given the current economic climate and the financial hardships that many young adults and families are facing which prevent the possibility of getting on the housing ladder the Council feels that this request to amend the application to provide less not more smaller (more affordable) properties is completely inappropriate at this time.
- Finally, the Council would like to query whether this application is actually a non-material amendment due to the significance and implication of these proposed amendments.



APPENDIX B – List of common abbreviations used.

Aif	All in favour
AGAR	Annual Governance and Accountability Return
APM	Annual Parish Meeting
APCM	Annual Parish Council Meeting
ASB	Anti-social Behaviour
BACS	Bankers Automated Clearing Services
BDC	Babergh District Council
BLC	Brantham Leisure Centre
BMCIC	Brantham Management Community Interest Company
BOS	Brantham Open Spaces Group
BMSDC	Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Council
BPC	Brantham Parish Council
CEP	Community Emergency Plan
CAS	Community Action Suffolk
Chq	Cheque
Cllr	Councillor
Cttee	Committee
DCLG	Department of Communities and Local Government
FC	Finance Committee
FOI	Freedom of Information
FR	Financial Regulations
GPoC	General Power of Competence
HMRC	Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
LPA	Local Planning Authority
LPF	Lower Playing Field
LSC	Legal Sub Committee
NHS	National Health Service
NDP	Neighbourhood Development Plan
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
PC	Parish Council
PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
RFO	Responsible Finance Officer
RFSC	Recreation, Footpaths and Services Committee
SALC	Suffolk Association of Local Councils
SCC	Suffolk County Council
SID	Speed Indicator Device
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SNT	Safer Neighbourhood Team
SO	Standing Order
TPO	Tree Preservation Order
VAS	Vehicle Activated Sign
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations
HMC	Village Hall Management Committee