

POLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2007 in the Committee Room of the Village Hall, Polstead at 6.30pm.

Present: John Baxter, Mandy Flather, Michael Hackford (in the Chair), Richard Kilshaw, Anne Macwilson, Theresa Ravensdale.

In Attendance: Mrs S Gray (Clerk)

1) Apologies for Absence: Mr N Brandt.
The Councillors consented to his absence.

2) Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of interest were received from Mandy Flather Agenda Item 3 (E) and John Baxter Agenda Item 3 (E). The Declarations of Interest Book was signed.

3) Planning Matters:

- A)** Planning Application No: B/07/01056/FUL/CJT. The Kennels Rockalls Road Polstead Colchester CO6 5AS. Erection of 1 No. detached two storey dwelling (existing dwelling to be demolished) and alterations to existing vehicular access.

The Councillors discussed the above application and agreed that the application as far as they could see complied with the policies CN01 and CN08 in that the plans took consideration to the scale, form and nature of adjacent development and the environment surrounding the site. Also the proposed building was of appropriate scale, form and detailed design to harmonise with its setting (CN08). It was agreed that there were no objections.

- B)** Planning Application No: B/07/01043/FUL/CJT. Brewery Farm, Bower House Tye, Polstead, Colchester, CO6 5BZ. Erection of single-storey side and rear extensions. Erection of barn and detached double garage with store and WC (existing outbuildings to be demolished).

The Councillors discussed the above application and all agreed that in relation to policy CN10 of the Babergh Local Plan it was of an appropriate scale, form, sitting and the design harmonised with the existing building and environment. It was agreed that there were no objections.

- C)** Planning Application No: B/07/01099/LBC/CJT. Brewery Farm, Bower House Tye, Polstead, Colchester, CO6 5BZ. Application for Listed Building Consent- Demolition of existing hay store, garage, potting shed, and lean to at rear of cottage. Erection of (timber frame construction) single-storey side and rear extensions.

The Councillors discussed the above application giving consideration to policy CN10 of the Local Babergh Plan. The Council agreed that the plan would be using natural or

handmade materials and that it would harmonise with the existing setting. It was agreed that there were no objections.

D) Planning Application No: B/07/01176/FHA/BEL The Plantation, Mill Street, Polstead, Colchester CO6 5AD. Erection of a side conservatory.

The Councillors discussed the above application with reference to Babergh Local Plan Policy HS17 and agreed that the conservatory reflected and respected the site its setting and did not reduce the level of amenity enjoyed by occupants of neighbouring property. It was agreed that there were no objections.

E) Planning Application No: B/07/00920/FHA/BEL. Belgic House, Spring Lane, Polstead, Colchester, CO10 5JP. Alterations and pitched roof to existing garage (to form garage and sun room).

The Councillors discussed the above application Councillor M Flather and J Baxter had declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion and left the room. The Councillors agreed that the plan in relation to Babergh Local Plan conformed to Policy No HS17 in that the alterations reflected and respected the site and its setting.

Mandy Flather and John Baxter returned to the meeting.

4) Clerks Correspondence & Date of Next Meeting.

The Clerk informed the Council that Planning Application No: B/07/00630/FUL/LJB for erection of single storey private stable and hard standing had been refused.

The proposed review of Polling Districts and Polling Places gave no change to Polstead. The Village Hall would continue as the Polling Station and that the Statutory Notice of Adoption of the Revised Model Code of Conduct by Polstead Parish Council had been placed in the East Anglian Daily Times by Babergh.

The offer of a site visit to Layham Quarry from David Pratt of Layham Parish Council was welcomed and the Clerk would let the Council know of the dates of the proposed site visit in September.

The Clerk informed the Council that she would be writing to the resident of Heathlands informing her that the Council were investigating her grievance with the bench.

The Clerk asked for clarification of the name of the bus company so that a request could be made for buses to stop away from the junction. It was agreed by the Council for John Baxter to talk to Suffolk Highways about the exact location before contacting the drivers of the bus company.

The Date of the Next Meeting is the 20th September 2007.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm.