

Blythburgh with Bulcamp and Hinton Parish Council

Minutes of Special Parish Council Meeting to discuss a Planning Application
Tuesday 11th April 2008 at 8:15pm

Present: Cllr D Tytler (Chair), Cllr R Benson, Cllr A Mackley, J Boggis (Clerk).

No Parishioners were present.

Parish Meeting Commenced at 8:15pm

Cllr D Tytler opened the meeting and stated that the notes of the meeting held on 17th March 2008 would not be discussed at this meeting.

82. To receive Members' declarations of interest on any matters on the agenda

None raised

83. To note apologies for absence

Cllr R Williams	Prior Arrangement
Cllr L Lewis	Unwell
Cllr L Clapham	Prior Arrangement
Cllr C Waller	Out of the Country

84. To discuss planning application

The planning sub committee presented the results of their discussion to those present

Application No. C/08/0569

Location – High Lodge Shooting School, Darsham Road, Blythburgh

Proposal – Erection of building for indoor Air Pistol and Air Rifle range

The Parish Council believes that this proposal is a legitimate addition to an existing business. Given that there are unlikely to be any additional problems regarding traffic movements or noise at this relatively isolated site, the Parish Council has no objection to the application

Proposal – No objections to application No. C/08/0569

Agreed

Application No. C/08/0506

Location – Cavell Cottage, Church Lane, Blythburgh

Proposal – Erection of replacement summerhouse.

This proposal relates to that part of Blythburgh with the most restrictive planning controls, falling within the area protected from development by clause AP28. The application is misleading in a number of respects. The replacement summerhouse is stated to be slightly larger than the one it replaces. In fact it is substantially larger, with a floor area over four times that of the existing structure. It is correspondingly higher. Reference is made to a bank at the rear of the structure which screens it from the neighbouring property. Most of the screen is provided not by the bank but a hedge growing on its top, on the property boundary. The existing summerhouse roof is as high as the hedge. The summerhouse can be seen clearly from the footpath on the old railway embankment at the bottom of the garden. The proposed colour scheme of green timber and red pantiled roof is considered to make the structure even more

intrusive. The Parish Council believes that this application amounts to a new development and not the simple replacement of an existing structure. The Council agreed to object to the application.

Notwithstanding its objection, the Parish Council accepts that timber structures have a limited life. The Council suggests that if a replacement summerhouse is needed it should be no larger than the present one, and its walls and roof should be of timber, allowed to weather to its natural colour.

Proposal – Parish Council to object to Application No.C/08/0506
Agreed

Application No. C/08/0479
Location – I Blyth View, Bulcamp, Blythburgh
Proposal – Erection of rear conservatory

Application No. C/08/0480
Location – I Blyth View, Bulcamp, Blythburgh
Proposal – Erection conservatory extension

The two applications above are linked and the Parish Council linked the two and gave a joint response. The Parish Council paid particular attention to the size of the proposed conservatory which is a substantial addition to the ground-floor area of the property, but noted the reasonable objective of providing direct access to the conservatory from more than one ground-floor room. The Council concluded that because the end elevations – that part of the extension most visible from public thoroughfares – were independent of any variation in length, and were constructed of compatible materials with appropriate detailing, the visual impact of the proposal was acceptable. The Council has no objections to this application.

Proposal – No objections to application No. C/08/0479 and C/08/0480
Agreed

85. Agree Payment requested by Parish Plan Steering Group
Proposal – Give cheque to Parish Plan Steering group for £63.25 to cover public liability insurance
Agreed

Meeting closed at 8:45pm