

Hessett Parish Council

MINUTES

of the meeting on **Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 6.00pm** at Hessett & Beyton Village Hall

Present: Councillors Phil Barrett, Tim Elliot, Andrew Pearson, Margaret Shaw

In attendance: Michelle Fisher (Clerk to the Council)

070224/01 Apologies

All Councillors in attendance so no apologies required.

070224/02 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Phil Barrett disclosed that Planning applications DC/24/00281 and DC/24/00283 were for his property and that he would therefore not be commenting or making any decisions on these applications. Councillors agreed that he would be required to withdraw when these applications were considered.

070224/03 There were no Interests Declared.

070224/04 Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation.

070224/05 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 were agreed to be a true record. The Chair was authorised to sign them as such.

070224/06 Public Forum

There were no members of public in attendance.

070224/07 Planning

(a) Councillors considered the following applications made to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) relating to Hessett:

Planning Application – DC/24/00218

The Street, Hessett, Suffolk, IP309BE

Proposal: Hedge Removal Notice – Removal of up to 12m of the hedgerow at four locations by Anglian Water.

The Parish Councillors instructed the Clerk to write to MSDC Planning to raise concerns regarding this application. Namely, the Factual errors contained within the mapping; where parts of the identified area do not actually have hedges and where they included an area of open trenching across arable land, for which no further details had been provided. More information was required in order to consider the wider implications of the impact of this application.

Councillors were concerned that there is no mention in the application regarding the replacement of the hedges and over the width requirement of the cut. The PC wished to question whether the proposed cut was more than

perhaps it needed to be. It be made clear that the cut be kept to a minimum in order for a more pleasing aesthetic, and to protect nesting birds and wildlife. The Councillors agreed to make it clear to MSDC that they supported the concerns raised by the Suffolk Wildlife.

Planning Application – DC/24/00281 & DC/24/00283

White Cottage, Heath Road, Hessett, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP30 9BJ

Proposal: Application for replacement of selected windows, external doors, and the replacement of existing non-compliant staircase. Replacement of existing detached concrete garage with timber framed garage.

Councillor Phil Barrett withdrew from this planning application consideration.

After consideration Councillors resolved to offer no objection and to support the application noting it is more aesthetically pleasing.

(b) There were no update reports on planning applications considered previously.

070224/08 **The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7.30pm**

The Council agreed the following items should be added to the next meeting Agenda

- **VASIGN/Speeding Update**
- **Playground Equipment**
- **Grass Cutting Contractor Bids**
- **Telephone Kiosk**
- **Village Signs**
- **Community Compost Project**
- **The Heath – Ragwort**
- **Hessett PC Website**
- **Flooding**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.35

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council.

PWD

**Chair
Date**