

BELCHAMP WALTER PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held on 18th March 2021 at 7:30 pm via video conference.

Present:

Cllr J Walker (Chair), Cllr A Hogsbjerg (items 1 and 2 only), Cllr C Krelle, Cllr S Perez, Cllr E Poels, Cllr R Teverson, Cllr M. Winter, Ms J Munro (Parish Clerk)

Mr David Smith (item 1-3 only)

Apologies

County Cllr D Finch, Dist Cllr I Parker

1. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Hogsbjerg declared an interest in item 3. It was agreed Cllr Hogsbjerg would make any remarks he wished and then exit the meeting to permit the remaining councillors to discuss the matter.

2. Parishioner Statements

Cllr Hogsbjerg made some brief remarks about the Application and answered some councillor's questions.

3. Matters Arising

- (a) Application 21/00510/COUPA – Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse and for associated operational development – Change of use to 3 residential dwellings. Location Crows Farm

Cllr Walker opened this discussion. It was noted that the application was of “permitted development”, meaning that if the proposals meet specific limitations and conditions set by national legislation planning permission is deemed to have been given.

The Council discussed the proposal. While it noted that additional housing is needed some concern was noted that the proposed development was not in keeping with the rest of the village. It was also noted that the development would result in increased traffic flow on what was a sharp and dangerous corner.

After further discussion the Council resolved it would submit comments on two matters:

- a. Transportation impact – increased traffic flow on a dangerous corner with reference to another development denied on traffic reasons (Proposed Cllr Walker, seconded Cllr Winter, all in favour).
- b. Design and external appearance of the building would not be in keeping with the village (Proposed Cllr Walker, seconded Cllr Poels, four in favour, Cllr Perez against and Cllr Krelle abstaining)

It was agreed that the clerk would draft appropriate comments and circulate them to the Council for comment prior to submitting to Braintree District Council.

4. Woodland Trust Tree Planting initiative

The Council discussed this initiative and concluded that the council would participate if suitable land could be found for tree planting. The Council asked the clerk to action the item and report back.