

## Minutes of Kettleburgh Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5 January 2011

Present: Cllrs J Bater, T Chase, R Durbin, P Garland, D Germain, D Harris (chair), T Jessop, V Neilson.

The Parish Clerk was in attendance. There were four members of the public.

The meeting began at 7:00p.m in Open Session.

The Chairman invited Mr Mark de Roeper to explain the background to his planning application: C/10/3168 contains slight alterations to the approved plans for the application made in 2007 (C/07/0189). This new application intends to present a more sympathetic appearance to the roadside face. The footprint is slightly larger and the roofline marginally higher; there will be a mixture of timber cladding and Suffolk brick. In response to a query about drainage, Mr de Roeper explained that it was hoped that surface water will drain to a subsoil water tank. Open Session was closed and the meeting began.

ACTION

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Durbin declared an interest in item 3 (C/10/3168).

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** There were none

3. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**C/10/3168 – Part rear garden of Maple House:**

**Erection of single storey dwelling with garage (revised C07/0189)**

Councillors **voiced no objection** to this application, approving the diversion of surface water from the village sewerage system and with the usual caveat that any damage to the road or verges should be made good. The Clerk will inform SCDC of this decision.

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It was noted that, in accordance with the Local Development Framework, any future applications of this type (development in a back garden) would come under the terms of a 'green field' site.

**C/10/3150 & 3151 - LOW FARM, EASTON ROAD: Change of use/ conversion/redevelopment of existing barns to form wedding venue and change of use/alterations/extension of farm house to form guest accommodation/bridal suite/holiday accommodation, together with improvements to vehicular access and parking.**

The Chairman agreed to a further Open Session to allow members of the public to speak. Mr Bill Clark made the following observations: this application allows for 150 attendees with up to 200 evening guests, with car parking for 80, and may operate seven days a week. As a result, there will be considerable late night traffic, possible light pollution and most seriously, a potential problem of excess noise in the form of amplified bands, discos and maybe fireworks. The noise impact assessment, which forms a part of the application, assumes that all windows and doors remain closed, that there is no noise leakage and that there should be a sound lobby to mitigate sound travelling through doorways. The plans do not show any such lobbies. It was his view that the noise problem had not been adequately addressed. Mr David Upson added that the venue might also be used for conferences. The Chairman thanked Mr Clark and Mr Upson for their contributions, Open Session was closed and the meeting recommenced.

During discussion the following points were made:

- Noise was likely to be an issue, with sound travelling in particular along the river: the noise impact report was only valid if the recommendations were carried out.
- Some concern was expressed over increased traffic on a small country road.
- If the planning application is successful, the occasion of the application for a premises licence will be a further opportunity to ensure that noise levels are kept within defined limits.
- The application fits in with the core objectives of the LDF, making use of redundant farm buildings and possibly providing employment locally.

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Councillors **supported** this application by a majority vote. The Clerk will inform SCDC of this decision, including the above points for their consideration.

4. **A.O.B:**

- The new locks for the notice board have not yet arrived. The Clerk will pursue the insurance claim once they have been fitted.
- Cllr Jessop will provide fixings for the laminated signs advertising Council meetings, so that the 'A' board can be used outside the Village Hall.
- The Chairman noted that the January meeting would have two major topics for discussion. Cllr Jessop will lead the short discussion on the proposed LDF alterations. Cllr Germain and Cllr Jessop will lead the discussion with Anglia Water (AW).
- It was agreed that time constraints at the meeting on 12 January would not permit a full discussion on local government cuts. It will be important to ascertain the timescale of consultations. Councillors were asked to consider the merits of holding a public meeting addressed by our District and County Councillors.

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5. **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

Wednesday 12 January 2011 at 7:15p.m

6. The meeting closed at 7:52p.m.