

MONK SOHAM PARISH COUNCIL

(Draft) Minutes of an Extra-ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2022

The meeting was convened to discuss Planning Applications DC/21/006720 and DC/21/06721 relating to the conversion and extension of outbuildings to form and annex and carport (Following the demolition of outbuildings), plus associated listed building consent at Siva Kennels, Monk Soham Green, Woodbridge, Suffolk. IP13 7EZ

The meeting commenced in 1930 at the Bedfield Community Pavilion

EX03/22 - 01 Present

- Graham Wigley (Chairman – GW), Cliff Arndt-Snelling (CAS), Julian Sayer (JS), Julie Giles (JG), Charles Bagnall (CRB) and Caroline Berkley (CJB).
- Geoff Robinson (GR), as Parish Clerk.
- The applicants (x3).
- Three members of the public were in attendance.

EX03/22 - 02 Apologies for Absence

- David Entwisle (Approved absence).

EX03/22 - 03 Introduction by GW

GW opened the meeting by welcoming the Applicants and villagers by explaining that the purpose of this meeting was to ensure everyone could have the chance to comment on the planning applications. Introductions were made by everyone. He then invited the Applicants to explain in more detail what they were proposing.

EX03/22 - 04 Public Open Session

The Applicants explained their proposals and the reasons for them, which included the fact that the outbuildings were in a state of great disrepair, many of which were from the era what they were actually used as kennels. It would allow their younger family to live alongside and remain in our lovely village. The applicants also clarified some points raised by the Councillors, which included proposals to amend the original roof-light plans to satisfy the MSDC Heritage Team comments. A Bio-tec water disposal system will be installed to service both parts of the property. All three members of the public supported the application, including their next-door neighbours. All agreed the village needed applications like this that brought young people to the village.

EX03/22 - 05 Parish Council Discussion

GW closed the open session and invited the councillors to express their views. GR stated that DE had expressed support for the application. JG commented that important issues like sustainability were still very important in all applications and the problem was with singletrack roads and the lack of public transport. JG also commented that other several properties in the village had been similarly extended. JS stated that a precedent had been set some years ago in Snares Lane by the approval of a similar application at Hartsmere Grange, which had been a success and blended perfectly into the surroundings. The application was therefore strongly supported (GR to advise MSDC accordingly).

GW thanked everyone for their participation and wished the Applicants good luck with the application..

The meeting closed 1944.

Signed:.....
Chairman Monk Soham Parish Council