

# **HOCKWOLD-CUM-WILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council extra ordinary meeting held in the Village Hall, Main Street,  
Hockwold on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors of Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council  
Mrs. P Raburn (Chairman)  
Ms. R. Johns (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. L. Arbour, Mr. T. Gossage, Mrs. L. Randall  
Mrs. T. Sismey, Mrs. S. Southwell, Mrs. I. Sullivan, Mr. S. Turner.  
Parish Clerk Mrs. L. Fothergill.  
4 members of the public

Apologies: PCSO Esther Bortz.

## **Ten Minute Open Forum:**

(Noted that Cllr. Sismey declared an interest in the Dairy Farm, Mill Lane plans and left the room from before the 10 minute forum started until after the vote).

Mr. Cox, resident of 3 Reeves Lane, which is adjacent to Dairy Farm, Mill Lane explained his concerns about the proposed amendments. He stated that he agreed with the architect, that building so close to his boundary wall would be dangerous during the build as scaffolding cannot be erected between his wall and the garage as the space is too small. This would not be just a safety concern for contractors but also for himself and his family as this means that they are also unprotected from any wall collapse into their side passage. He would like to see that the garage be moved 1m away from his boundary wall in order to counter this danger, and requested that the Parish Council consider giving this as request to planning at Borough Council. He also pointed out that despite planning being approved for the development in 2003 the Parish Council have not supported it twice.

- 1. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 12/01934/F, vary previously approved drawings at Dairy Farm, Mill Lane, Hockwold:** Cllr. Raburn expressed her trust in councillors to make an unbiased decision about this application. Cllr Turner agreed that the garage was very close to the boundary wall with 3 Reeves Lane. Cllr Johns expressed her concerns were also over safety. Cllr. Gossage noted that he felt that the council was not in a position to make judgement as some members of the council hadn't been around for long enough to know what was going on, however it was then noted that councillors can only make decisions / vote based on what is presented to them, not past judgements. Cllr Southwell asked that it be noted to planning that the fact the plans have had to be changed in order to improve safety because there wasn't sufficient room to put up scaffolding suggests that the previous plan must have been overshadowing the adjacent property, which should have been a cause for objection. The Hockwold cum Wilton Parish Council voted to support this planning application, with 4 in favour, 1 objecting and 2 abstaining. Councillors requested that planning be asked to place a condition on the amendment going ahead, that the wall is moved 1m away from the 3 Reeves Lane boundary wall.
- 2. Planning for 16/00134/LB, conversion of former cattery building to residential use at Country Retreat Boarding Cattery, Black Dyke Road, Hockwold:** All councillors voted to object to the application. Their objections were on the basis that this is a listed building, and that as listed buildings are rare they need to be protected. It was also felt that this would be out of character for this building to be converted to a residential dwelling when the building is within the site of a business.

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