

BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minute of a meeting of Brandeston Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Elson, Kirton, Mitson-Woods and Norman.
Apologies received from Councillors Buckingham, Churchill and Duffy
1-1516/5 Chairman's Welcome

Councillor Elson welcomed Councillors to the meeting, and Councillors accepted the apologies for absence.

2-1516/5 To receive any Declarations of Interest - There were none

3-1516/5 To receive and sign as a true record the minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2015 (Circulated). These were accepted as a true record.

There were no members of the public present

5-1516/5 Planning Matter – Application File refs DC/15/3629/FUL and DC/15/3628/VOC

Councillors to discuss and decide on a response to:-

- **DC/15/3628/VOC Variation of Condition of Planning Permission C/12/0736 to allow the retention and alteration of former agricultural buildings to provide for storage, stables and swimming pool facilities.**
- Application File refs DC/15/3629/FUL Part retention of former agricultural building involving alterations to provide for storage, stables and swimming pool facilities, - with the inclusion of building and land as residential curtilage.

Variation of Condition DC/15/3628/VOC – It was agreed that there is no relevant reason to change the original Condition that the former agricultural building be demolished once the new property is completed. The agricultural building has no architectural merit and does not represent a traditional farm building. The replacement building is not attractive and does not fit with the rest of the site. Additionally it is out of proportion to the new building. The glass façade is of particular concern to users of the footpath. Councillors referred to Clause 6 of the original application C/12/1736 **“that the former agricultural buildings shall be fully demolished”** was included **“in the interest of visual amenity and the character of the locality”** and should be upheld. In their view nothing had changed and Clause 6 should stand.

Extending the Curtilage - Application File refs DC/15/3629/FUL

The views of Councillors on this application are in line with those referring to demolishing the agricultural building. They opposed the extension of the curtilage as they consider there is already sufficient space for the development. To extend this will entail changing the residential footprint of the village in a special landscape area. The site is also within the Conservation Area.

Councillors feel that the site is of sufficient importance in the village landscape and the consensus of their objections for the application to be decided by the full planning committee rather than by officer's delegated powers.

5-1516/5 Update from Clerk on application for grant for compliance with the new Transparency Regulations.

The Clerk told Councillors that a bid for almost 1200.00 had gone in for funding to help BPC comply with the new audit regulations. This would supply a laptop, scanner and training to ensure compliance.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

6-15/16/5 Date of next meeting: 10th November 2015 at 7.30pm