

# **DRINKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES**

of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 via Zoom**

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**Present:** **Cllrs Edmondson, Elnaugh, Hembra, Holborn, Schofield, Selvey  
Clerk & RFO Hilary Workman**

20.07.01 **Noted:**  
When apologies for absence were invited Cllr T Moss.

20.07.02 **Noted:**  
When Member's Declarations of Local Non-Pecuniary Interests and/or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in subsequent Agenda items were invited, there were none.

20.07.03 **Noted:**  
The following item of correspondence from Mid Suffolk District Council relating to the re-consultation of the Woolpit Neighbourhood Plan, circulated to councillors, the following remote decision recorded:

Drinkstone Parish Council respond to Mid Suffolk District Council noting the changes proposed by the External Examiner Option 1, and record its desire to see Mid Suffolk use the Landscape Appraisal undertaken by Alison Farmer Associates as part of Woolpit's Neighbourhood Plan preparation process to guide future housing allocations in its emerging local plan.

20.07.04 **Noted: Public Comment or Question:**  
That when public comment or question on any agenda items was invited, there were none.

**20.07.05 5.1 DC/20/02225 – II Planning Application**  
Construction of new track and hardstanding area for current pig breeding/rearing. New track and hardstanding area to serve relocation of firewood.  
**Land Adj Ticehurst Farm (in the Parish of Drinkstone), Road Near Ticehurst Farm, Tostock, Suffolk.**

Cllr Holborn reported that he had considered the possible impact of the application on existing hedges alongside the western and southern borders of the new track, and Cllr Elnaugh reported her concern about the possible risk to a young oak tree.

In reaching its determination on this application, the parish council considered:

- the application & supporting documents on the Mid Suffolk planning portal
- Drinkstone neighbourhood plan as submitted to and approved by the examiner

and determined not to object to the application and asked that the following conditions be attached:

1. Protection and retention of the existing hedges alongside the western and the southern boundaries of the new track. Gaps in these existing hedgerows to be replanted with native species and maintained for a period of not less than 3 years

**Signed:** *Haslett Schofield*

**Date:** *6/08/2020*

2. If SCC Highways require improvement of the existing access off Tostock road that involves removing any of the existing roadside hedge then in accordance with policy DRN 9 of The Drinkstone Neighbourhood plan approved by MSDC on 8th June 2020 "A new hedgerow of native species shall be planted on the splay returns into the site in order to maintain the appearance and continuity of hedgerows in the vicinity."

**5.2 Resolved.**

**That the Clerk makes known the Council's comments on Planning Applications on this agenda to the Corporate Manager, Mid Suffolk District Council.**

- 20.05.06 **Noted:**  
That there were no Public comments or questions on any matter of Council business.
- 20.05.07 **Noted:**  
That when any other Council business for information, to be noted or for inclusion on a future agenda was invited, the following:
- 7.1 Cllr Holborn reported that concrete & fencing had been dumped in the ditch on The Cricket alongside Lavender house. The meeting asked the Clerk to write to the owners of Lavender House asking that the waste be removed from the ditch.
  - 7.2 Cllr Hembra reported that Cora's Oak Tree on the Cricket had been vandalised again, with damage to a low bough. The meeting noted the need to look at lifting the crown of the tree over time.
  - 7.3 Cllr Hembra reported that the tree adjacent to the slide required trimming. The meeting agreed that Cllr Hembra and Cllr Holborn to identify which boughs to cut back.
- 20.07.08 **Noted:**  
That the scheduled date for the next meeting was Monday 3rd August 2020 beginning at 8.00pm remotely via a Zoom Scheduled meeting (unless provisions made for meetings to be held at a physical place were re-instated) – see below for meeting invitation:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81354187959?pwd=YzNyWGxET0xzOEF4ejJZMXk5U2R6Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 813 5418 7959  
Password: 436904
- 20.07.09 **Close of meeting:** 20:21pm.