

Parish Council Meeting 4th May 2021

Planning Portfolio Report

There is one new planning application for consideration this month DC/21/02329 - Tawny House, Gedding Road, Drinkstone, Suffolk IP30 9TF

This application relates to the addition of trellis onto the current boundary fencing which requires no comment from the parish council.

Application DC/21/01339 Abbots Lodge – the update on this application concerns the heritage response, stating concerns regarding footprint, mass, size, impact upon a listed building and concerns regarding geological matters. It refers back to the original outline planning application which was deemed as less than harmful as opposed to the latest application.

DC/21/00735 | Submission of Details (Reserved Matters) for Outline Planning Permission DC/18/01268 dated 20/06/18 - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for Erection of 2no. detached bungalows | Land West Of Shortgate Beyton Road Drinkstone Suffolk
This permission has been granted

On Monday 26th April MSDC requested a meeting via Teams to discuss planning application DC/20/05249 Yew Tree Farm Cottage. Present were Mahsa Kavyani Planning officer (MSDC) John Pateman-Gee Planning Team Leader (MSDC) Richard Edmondson, Peter Holborn, Janet Elnaugh, Jane Hill.

Primarily the meeting concerned the issues surrounding the settlement boundary, and the application to build outside of the identified boundary. Initially John Pateman-Gee stated that the previous application for the replacement dwelling on the site, was outside of the settlement boundary and therefore the repositioning of it merely meant it was further outside the boundary. The reason for moving it he indicated was related to drainage issues. The PC stated that issues regarding the inability to build in the previous location due to drainage were not a planning issue. Once screens and maps were shared it became apparent that John Pateman-Gee was referring to an older map not the updated Drinkstone Green settlement boundary identified in the emerging Joint Local Plan. It was therefore agreed that this shed a different light upon the application and the planning team would need to meet to discuss the application further.

John Pateman-Gee stated the Drinkstone Neighbourhood Plan carried more weight at present, than the emerging JLP and that our policy regarding the settlement boundary was very strong. He followed up by stating the planning department will be seeking further engagement with parish councils who have Neighbourhood Plans to ensure planning officers have better understanding of them.

The meeting provided a greater understanding of what the PC is aiming to achieve and uphold. Hopefully a greater dialogue with MSDC will benefit everyone in the long term.

Councillor J Elnaugh