

## **Mendlesham Parish Council**

A Parish Council Extra Ordinary meeting was held in the Main Hall, Mendlesham Community Centre, Mendlesham on Wednesday 28th August 2019 at 7.30pm .

**1. Present:** Cllrs M Exley ( Chairperson), P Allen, D Foster, N Foster, B Gardiner, S Judd, D Nunn, H Orton, E Ward, S Webb, S Jones (Clerk), SCC/D. Cllr Stringer and 17 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllr A Davey, Mr C Gayman, Mr A Woodley.

The Mendlesham Parish Council filming statement was read out.

### **2. Declarations of interest:**

**a) To note Councillor's declarations of interest in any of the following agenda items.** The Clerk declared that she was Chair of Governors for Mendlesham Primary School with regard to the need for funding and school places further to planning application DC/19/00959.

**b) To agree any dispensations with regard to declarations of interest.** Not required.

**3. Public Forum:** no questions asked.

### **4. To approve the draft minutes of the following meeting as a true and accurate record of that meeting:**

**a) Ordinary Parish Council meeting 7.8.19 .** Pages 1681- 1688 inclusive were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate representation of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 7.8.19 and were duly signed and dated by the Chairperson.

### **5. Planning**

#### **a) Applications:**

**DC/19/00959 Land North East Of, Chapel Road, Mendlesham,**  
Outline Planning Application (Access to be considered)- Erection of up to 49 no. dwellings

It was noted this was now an outline planning application for 49 dwellings and access only, further to the hybrid application for 63 dwellings and open space as submitted and considered previously.

Cllr Stringer explained the meanings of the red and blue lines.

The meeting was opened to members of the public who asked questions and expressed concerns regarding:

- The number of recent dwellings
- Existing traffic issues
- Affordable housing/Shared Ownership including the need for bedrooms to be occupied by two persons
- Need for smaller houses.
- Dissatisfaction regarding the way this matter had been approached.

7.40pm a member of the public arrived.

The Parish Councillors discussed the application noting:

- Mendlesham's Neighbourhood Plan including numbers of houses already delivered.
- MSDC Five Year housing Supply .
- Affordable Housing was not part of the application title.
- Delivery of housing in neighbouring houses: Stowupland 200; Bacton 320 with another 100 under consideration next week; Cotton currently 10/20 but could also see more for brownfield land.
- Impact on Chapel/ Church Road, A140 Mendlesham junction, Stowupland A1120 already congested.
- Mendlehsam's Neighbourhood Plan draft Traffic Supporting data was greater numbers and more recent surveys than that supplied by the Applicant.
- The need to reiterate previous comments and in particular, impact on traffic and the conservation area was noted.
- CIL information provided was questioned.
- This application was validated 23rd July, Draft Joint Plan published 22nd July.
- Comments from the police relating to 63 dwellings had been received but not considered as this was an outline application.
- Threat of bus services was a concern.
- The Parish Council was challenging inclusion of this site as part of the Draft Joint Plan.
- Suffolk Preservation Society latest letter was noted.

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application with the same comments as before, plus the above.

**DC/19/03673 1 Turnpike Cottages, Norwich Road, Wetheringsett Cum Brockford** Planning application – Erection of a detached garage.  
Unanimously recommended for approval with no comments.

**b) Results:**

**DC/19/03645 Land South of, Chapel Road, Mendlesham** Discharge of Conditions Application for 4242/16- Condition 14 (Construction Management Plan)

**c) Correspondence:** Nothing to report

**6. Reports:** urgent matters only.

**a) Clerks report:** Nothing to report

**b) Chairs report:** Nothing to report

**c) Any other reports:** Nothing to report

**7. Financial: urgent matters only:** none

**8. Mendlesham Playingfields:**

**a) Boundary Agreement:** to confirm and sign.

A legal agreement between Mr R Fenning and Mendlesham Parish Council covering the boundary between the Mendlesham Parish Council owned Playingfield Land at Mendlesham Playing Fields and the adjacent arable field, to incorporate the planting of 25 oak trees and a hedge height of no more than 1.8 metres on the boundary was unanimously agreed with Cllrs M Exley and E Ward appointed to sign the document on behalf of Mendlesham Parish Council, witnessed by Andrew Stringer and Sharon Jones.

**b) Grant offer from MSDC re Multi Use Games Area Wheeled Sports Area projects: to confirm and sign.** Not received.

**c) Stowmarket Youth Football Team -report on meeting 28.8.19 and to agree actions as required.** It was reported that Stowmarket Football Club youth teams were interested in using Mendlesham, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Football representatives from Mendlesham were supportive and would liaise with Stowmarket as required. It was noted Stowmarket would be hiring the showers and were aware of outstanding agenda items regarding hire of Mendlesham Playingfields. Unanimously confirmed.

**9. Any other business: matters of report and future agenda items.**  
Nothing raised