

## Mendlesham Parish Council

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held via google meet video in accordance with The Local Authorities ( Coronavirus) ( Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020, 3.4.20, Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.00pm.

**1.Present:** Cllrs A Davey ( Chairperson),P Allen, M Exley, D Foster, N Foster, B Gardiner, H Orton, E Ward, S Jones (Clerk),SCC/MSDC Cllr A Stringer and one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs S Judd, D Nunn and S Webb.

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.** Nothing declared.

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

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

a) Ordinary Parish Council meeting 4.11.20. Pages 1805-1810 inclusive were unanimously agreed as an accurate record of that meeting. It was agreed they would be signed and dated by the Chairperson at the earliest opportunity.

**4. Public Forum:** A member of the public was present. The Chairperson provided the opportunity for any questions or comments, but no one spoke or raised a matter and no written questions had been received.

### 5. Reports:

a) Clerks report-any urgent matters:

The Clerk reported details of Parish Christmas events related to a visit by Father Christmas, Carols singing and Christmas Eve St Mary's Church service. **Action: Clerk** to advise St Mary's, Cllr Davey volunteered to steward attendees at the 24th December service.

Parish Councillors also confirmed the Parish requirements for Street lighting over the holiday period. **Action: Clerk** to advise Suffolk County Council.

b) Other urgent reports:none.

c) Chairs report : Nothing to report that is not an agenda item.

d) Questions to the Chair: None

**6. Mendlesham Parish Council: Financial matters**

a) To confirm payment of invoices.

Payment of the following were unanimously confirmed.

OL	7243.20	Arc Landscape Gardens Ltd- 60% works for MUGA /WSA Mendlesham Playingfields.
OL	10.00	Mendlesham Memorial Playingfields Charity -grant to avoid bank closing dormant account.

b) Any other financial matters: none

**7. Planning**

**a) Applications:**

**DC/20/05230 Wicks Farm, Potters Lane, Mendlesham:** Full application- Change of use of agricultural land to equine use and construction of menage. Unanimously recommended for approval subject to lighting arrangements respecting the rural environment and open countryside and private use only.

**b) Results:**

**DC/20/04606 4 The Rookery, Chapel Road, Mendlesham**

Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area-G1- Re-coppice damaged trees on hedgerow, T1 (Lime Tree)- Deadwood and crown lift, G2 Remove conifer Hedge and replace with fencing and G3 -Remove deadwood around pond area. No objection.

**DC/20/03993 34 Horsefair Close, Mendlesham**

Householder Planning Application- Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions(following demolition of existing side extension). Grant.

**DC/ 20/04501 First Mendlesham Scout Group Mendlesham Green**

Application under S73 for removal or variation of condition relating to DC/20/01454 dated 4/6/2020 Town and Country Planning Act 1990- To vary condition 2 ( Approved plans and Documents) to facilitate an increase in building ridge height from 4.6m to 6m and adjust internal layout to create space for water/header tank, solar panel control units, storage and usable space in main hall. Grant.

**DC/20/02539 Land adjacent to Riverside Cottages, Mendlesham**

**Green** Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for DC/19/02283 for variation of condition 2 ( Approved Plans and Documents). Refused.

**c) Correspondence:**

**i) Appeal:** APP/W3520/C/19/3238594, APP/W3520/C/19/3238595 & APP/W3520/C/19/3238596, APP/W3520/C/19/3238597 & APP/W3520/C/19/3238598.

Appeal by Mr S Barr, Mr J Gatehouse, Ms A Barr, Mr T Gaskin and Ms T Gaskin.

Appeal against Enforcement Notice issued: 06/09/2019

Location: Plot 2 -Meadow View, Land to the East of Brockford Road, Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford.

Appeal Start date: 27/10/2020

To note and confirm if Mendlesham Parish Council wishes to make comments, or modify/withdraw previous representation.

It was unanimously agreed to submit the following additional information:

Photos of 27.11.19 and 20.12.19 showing flooding

Photo of 27.11.19 showing light pollution

Details of the new MSDC five year land supply, showing an increasing trend further to the Consultation document issued August 2020.

Comments regarding loss of rural aspect with more sites and occupancy since the original responses provided for the planning application(s)

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Pre-submission ( Regulation 19)

Document November 2020,( *published since original comments*) LP09

Provision for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople, 13.48 p 86.

Mid Suffolk already has a five year provision of sites- there is no need to confirm any more.

7.20pm Another member of the public arrived.

**ii) Appeal:** APP/W3520/C/19/3238600 & APP/W3520/C/19/3238601

Appeal by Mr G Harbour and Ms Z Harbour.

Appeal against Enforcement Notice issued: 06/09/2019

Location: Plot 1- Primrose Place, Land to the East of Brockford Road, Wetheringsett-cum-Brockford.

Appeal Start date: 10/11/2020

To note and confirm if Mendlesham Parish Council wishes to make comments, or modify/withdraw previous representation.

It was unanimously agreed to submit the following additional information:

Photos of 27.11.19 and 20.12.19 showing flooding

Photo of 27.11.19 showing light pollution

Details of the new MSDC five year land supply, showing an increasing trend further to the Consultation document issued August 2020.

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Comments regarding loss of rural aspect with more sites and occupancy since the original responses provided for the planning application(s) Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Pre-submission ( Regulation 19) Document November 2020,( *published since original comments*) LP09 Provision for Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople, 13.48 p 86. Mid Suffolk already has a five year provision of sites- there is no need to confirm any more. This location was in the parish of Wetheringsett, not Mendlesham so any applicant comments regarding Mendlesham's Neighbourhood Plan are irrelevant.

*( Clerks note: Councillors considered this application on its own merits and in full).*

**iii) Application for Lawful Development Certificate (Existing)  
DC/20/04896**

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for Existing use/Operation/activity. Town and country Planning Act 1990: Section 191 as amended by section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991. Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) ( England) Order 2015 -Use of land as residential curtilage Location Corbetts House, Ashes Farm, Oak Farm Lane, Mendlesham. It was noted that this land had been used as a garden for many years.

**d) Any other planning matters:** none

**7. Playingfields:**

a) To approve appointment of contractor and works estimated £11335 to include fencing, landscaping, ramp access from car park and works to the front slope of the new MUGA and WSA area at Mendlesham.

These works had been arranged as an urgent matter due to Health and Safety concerns that despite security fencing and signage in place, members of the public were accessing and using the Wheel Sports Area before the area was opened and final works to the surrounding area not completed. Agreement had been previously obtained by email from all Parish Councillors to immediately proceed with these works with suspension of Financial Standing Orders 11h regarding the need to obtain three quotes, with a local contractor who was immediately able to commence work. However, the overall total covered four different areas and timescales, with each element individually quoted at £3350, £1985, £2925 and £1800, total £10,060.00 to date, with a quote for another part of the works, the front slope of the MUGA still potentially to follow. A second less competitive quote had been obtained for the disabled ramp works and previous quotes for works undertaken by the local contractor had previously been competitive.

It was unanimously agreed to confirm appointment for these works with total expenditure total £11335 but noted further costs to cover signage and the front area of the Muga would still be required. It was agreed that any proposals to complete the project would come to Parish Council as one proposal.

Whilst this expenditure would exceed the allocated Mid Suffolk Developer Contribution funding, it was noted that as a Parish Council these funds and the fee for the Project Manager were available in reserves.

b) Any other playingfield matters: A question was asked about opening times for the Wheel Sport Area and it was noted an exact date was not yet possible, but would not be until the New Year.

### **8. Tree in Mendlesham's Woodland**

a) To note professional tree surgeons report and action already taken. A large turkey oak in Mendlesham's Woodland had been reported further to inspection by a professional tree surgeon as requiring action to cut the tree down. Mid Suffolk District Council Tree Officer had confirmed this was the only possible action.

b) To agree the way forward. It was unanimously agreed to approve a quote of £ 675 to cut the tree down, leaving the wood for volunteers to clear away. **Action: Clerk.**

**9. Any other business:** Matters of report and future agenda items. None from Parish Councillors. A member of the public asked about a waiting outstanding agenda item regarding high rise football nets for Mendlesham Playingfield and was advised this would be an agenda item as soon as possible.