

Mendlesham Parish Council

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held in the Main Hall, Mendlesham Community Centre, Mendlesham, Tuesday 25 July 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs A Davey (Chairman), M Exley, D Foster, N Foster, S Judd,, C Orton, H Orton, E Ward, S Jones (Clerk) and five members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs P Allen (business reasons) and D Lummis (business reasons).

Acceptance of apologies: Unanimously agreed.

The filming statement was read out.

2. Declarations of interest:

a) To note Councillor's declarations of interest in any of the following agenda items. None reported.

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

3. Minutes: To confirm the following as a true and accurate representation.

a) Ordinary Meeting 12.7.23. Pages 2053-2056 inclusive were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, signed and dated by the Chairperson.

4. Public forum: No members of the public present wished to speak and nothing had been received prior to this meeting.

5. Planning:

a) Applications:

DC/23/03163 Chapel House, 41 Old Market Street, Mendlesham:

Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area- Pollard 2 No. Ash (T1 and T2), Trim back 1 No Holly (T3). Unanimously agreed to recommend support subject to approval from the Tree Officer.

A member of the public arrived.

DC/23/03187 Land North East Of, Chapel Road, Mendlesham:

Submission of Details (Reserved Matters) application and Discharge of Conditions 8, 16,17 and 26 under Outline Planning Permission DC/19/05915 for approval of Scale, Layout, Appearance and Landscaping in relation to erection of 20 dwellings, associated internal roads, parking, drainage infrastructure, open space and landscaping.

Summary comments from Parish Councillors included concerns regarding:

Design: Poor, uninspiring, not sympathetic to existing designs in Mendlesham. Proposed dwellings crammed in small area of site, next to Mayfield Way, Heights of proposed houses will dominate those in Mayfield Way.

Affordable Housing: not in one block, better design of bungalows.

Roads: concerns re straight road, over designed. Location of turning circle could be improved by moving to the middle junction. Concerns re links to village and use of paths within the development. Curved roads preferred, less speeding?

Right of Way: proposal will be a corridor through existing and new back gardens. Missed opportunity to enhance.

Parking: dislike of shared drives, parallel drives, insufficient visitor parking.

Landscaping: need to note comments from a resident. Insufficient.

Flooding/ Drainage: Concerns but no expertise to consider further.

Other:

No street lighting required.

No appetite for the Parish Council to manage.

Design & Access Statement incorrect re bus service.

The meeting was opened to members of the public to comment.

In addition to the above, concerns were raised about the construction phase and impact on existing residents. Safety of highways. No bus service to the nearest bus stop.

Not in accordance with Mendlesham's Neighbourhood Plan or GP1 MSDC 1998 Local Plan.

There was then a proposal, seconded and voted unanimously to recommend refusal of this application.

All members of the public left.

b) Results:

DC/23/02705 Land to North West of, Mason Court (Known as Old Engine Meadow, Mendlesham. Discharge of Conditions Application for 4242/16- Conditions 20 (Contamination) and 21 (Contamination Report). 20 agreed. 21 part approved.

DC/23/03197 Land Adjacent to Mendlesham Manor, Brockford Road, Mendlesham. Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/23/00979 Condition 4 (Construction Management Strategy). Agreed.

c) Correspondence: None

d) Any other planning matters: None

5. Reports:

- a) Clerks report: any urgent matters to report. Nothing to report.
- b) Any other urgent reports: Nothing to report
- c) Chairs report: Nothing to report
- d) Questions to the Chair: Nothing asked.

6. Mendlesham Parish Council: Financial matters

- a) To confirm payment of invoices: None.
- b) Any other urgent financial matters: None

7. Any other business: None

Meeting closed at 8.00pm