

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON 5th MARCH 2020 at 7.30pm.**

Present: Cllrs J West (Chairman), R Alexander, C Carr, P Barham and G Rushen. C Hibbert (Clerk).
Two members of the public.
Apologies: Cllrs H Brewis and P Baker.

The filming statement was taken as read.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Noted.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

The following matters were raised in public forum;-

- community orchard update – 23 saplings with associated guards and stakes are now in Hawstead ready for planting out by volunteers on 7 March 2020; two further saplings will follow next year; a relative has agreed to cover the costs of one sapling, in memory of his late father, Mr Blackwell. The meeting heard about a very generous anonymous donation of £250 from a resident in support of this project, for which many thanks.

- a neighbour noted that whilst generally supportive of the activities at Maglio Rosso, he was disappointed not to have been consulted before the application was submitted and was concerned about; (i) the appearance of the proposed building which, together with the existing storage containers on site do not enhance the appearance of this area; and (ii) the potential noise and hours of use.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

3.1 No declarations of interest received;

3.2 No dispensations granted in relation to any identified pecuniary interests.

4. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 30th JANUARY 2020.

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 30th January 2020 were **APPROVED** and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS (taken out of turn)

5.1 DC/20/0106/FUL consultation in respect of 1 no detached building for use as a cycling/gym/exercise studio at Metcalf Arms, Lawshall Road, Hawstead, Suffolk

The meeting considered the proposals and in particular; (i) the comments from neighbours; (ii) the proposed use and hours of operation (given that commercial gyms tend to open for long hours) and any noise impacts which might follow; (iii) the visual appearance of the building; (iv) lack of information about ventilation/lighting/hours of operation; (v) the reference in the supporting documents to available parking when it appears that the overflow parking may not benefit from any planning permission.

It was **AGREED** that the Council would **COMMENT** as follows; (i) the Council has concerns that the appearance of the building does little to enhance the visual appearance of this location; (ii) insufficient detail was provided with the application about the proposed use, hours of operation, ventilation and lighting to enable the Council to reach a decision on whether this building is fit for its proposed purpose without causing unacceptable impacts on neighbouring property; (iii) the planning authority ought to consider whether the proposals should be amended to include the overflow car parking which does not appear to benefit from any planning permission. If the planning authority is minded to authorise the proposals then the Council would request that a planning condition is imposed regulating the hours of use in order to protect the neighbouring properties from unacceptable noise at unsociable hours.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 26th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

Signature.....

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

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