

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING  
ON 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2020 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr H Brewis.

The meeting was held remotely due to the Covid-19 outbreak; a recording was made. The filming statement was taken as read.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Noted.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (taken out of turn)**

**3.1** None.

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

**4. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 9th JULY 2020 (taken out of turn).** The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were **APPROVED** and will be signed as a true and accurate record.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

**2.1 Public participation.**

Members of the public present commented on the planning proposals at item 5.1 below;

**5. TO CONSIDER**

**5.1 DC/20/1032/FUL Planning Application - 1no. detached building for use as cycling/gym/exercise studio (Previous Application DC/20/0106/FUL) Location Metcalf Arms Lawshall Road Hawstead IP29 5NR**

The meeting considered this amended application and received comments from neighbours that; (i) the redesigned building was an improvement on the previous design; (ii) the development would offer a welcome opportunity to remove both existing metal containers and improve the appearance of the property; (iii) concern about late night noise from holiday visitors using the building at anti-social hours; (iv) request for sound proofing measures to be incorporated. The meeting discussed the proposals and in general welcomed the amended design which was considered to be an improvement on the previous proposals. It was noted that the proposed use of the building could conceivably extend to use for spinning classes etc which can be noisy. It was **AGREED** that the Council would support the amended proposals subject to planning conditions being imposed to; (a) provide for a landscaping scheme to be approved to mitigate the visual impact of the proposals on neighbouring property; (b) restrict use of the new building by holiday makers and others to 8am-8pm maximum to avoid unacceptable impacts on the neighbouring property; (c) require removal of both metal containers from the development site to mitigate visual impact on neighbouring residential property; (d) require appropriate acoustic insulation to mitigate the noise impact on adjoining residential property. It was noted that the planning authority ought to be invited to consider whether the proposals should be amended to include the overflow car parking which does not appear to benefit from any planning permission.

**6. AOB**

The meeting heard that the Council had received a complaint from a resident about development in Wepstead Road currently underway without planning permission. It was **AGREED** that this matter should be referred to West Suffolk Council for investigation.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm.

*The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.*

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