

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING  
ON 26 April 2021 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs J West (Chairman), C Carr, P Barham, P Baker, R Alexander (*in part*), G Rushen. C Hibbert (Clerk). Two 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.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

**2.1 Public participation.**

Two residents separately commented that they found the proposal in item 5.1 unacceptably large in scale, too close in location to neighbouring property leading to loss of residential amenity and involving the loss of trees which contribute to the pleasant appearance of this entry point to the village; both residents commented that the recent amendments to the application did not address their underlying objection to the application. It was reported that efforts by neighbours to discuss the proposals with the applicant had not been successful.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

3.1 None;

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

**4. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2021**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 1 April 2021 were **APPROVED** and will be signed as a true and accurate record of this meeting.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

**5.1 DC/20/2212/HH re-consultation in respect of a planning proposal; householder planning application - three bay cart lodge and machinery store with first floor guest accommodation above at Woodlands, The Pound, Hawstead, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP29 5NJ.** Following full discussion it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Council's original **OBJECTION** (18 January 2021) should be re-stated; those present considered that the relatively minor adjustment in location did nothing to address the previously stated objections regarding the scale of the building, the loss of trees to facilitate the new building and the negative impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring property. The meeting concluded that the proposals still did not meet the criteria of JDMP 2015 policy DM24. The meeting noted that there was no particular justification provided for a building of this scale and size to the front of the property, in front of the building line and there was concern about the potential for it to be used as a standalone dwelling or similar in the future. Councillors noted that the planning authority have recently taken local enforcement action elsewhere in this village in relation to development in front of the building line; other planning permissions recently granted in the village have restricted the height of proposed development; the Council accordingly urges the planning authority to take a uniform approach in relation to this proposal, given its proposed location in front of the building line and its excessive height. Councillors expressed dismay at the ongoing loss of trees at this gateway point to the village and disappointment that there is no protection in place to safeguard this group of trees which make such a valuable contribution to the appearance of the village. The impact of the loss of such woodland on neighbouring listed property was highlighted.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm to follow the Annual Parish meeting at 7pm. The onward meeting schedule was discussed

*The meeting closed at 8.00pm.*

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