

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Bures Hamlet Parish Council  
held virtually on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021 immediately following  
an Extraordinary Meeting of Bures St Mary Parish Council**

**Present:** Cllrs M Baker, K McAndrew, D Monk, B Raymond, R Shackell,  
M Welch  
**In the Chair:** Cllr R Shackell  
**Also Present:** Mrs J Wright (Clerk), 7 members of BSMPC, 15 members of the public

**The meeting commenced at 9.05pm**

**1/03/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr C Ellis (technical issues). Apologies accepted by those present. Apologies also received from Mrs C Holbrook (Internal Auditor).

**2/03/21 REGISTER OF INTERESTS & DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

To declare any 'Pecuniary' or 'Non Pecuniary' interests and dispensation requests. No Register of Interests declared and no Dispensation requests put forward.

**3/03/21 PUBLIC FORUM – 15 minutes maximum public participation**

3 minutes for individual contributions unless agreed by the Chairman

There were 15 members of the public present.

Members of the public present did not make any further contribution than that presented at the Bures St Mary Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting.

**4/03/21 PLANNING APPLICATION - DC/21/00745 CUCKOO HILL**

Members had observed the discussions from the BSMPC Extraordinary meeting and the Chairman asked for any further points to be put forward to enable the parish council to submit a letter of support to BSMPC's objection of DC/21/00745.

Points raised:

Planning application B/14/01103/FUL had given approval for 2 dwellings to be built on Plots 5 and 6. If the Enforcement Notice is upheld and a demolition order processed this approval will still stand.

If the underbuild is removed would this remedy the height issue?

Concerns of contamination remain unaddressed. Proof of waste transfer notes must be shown prior to any decision on DC/21/00745.

If dwellings demolished would this lead to a new application?

Presumably the underbuild is also contaminated land?

This application is addressing the height of the dwellings only.

The Chairman asked members to consider:

To submit a letter of support for demolition of the 2 dwellings and an objection to DC/21/00745 as it did not address the reasons for refusal given by the Planning Inspector.

Member's responses:

There appeared to be some serious errors of judgment by BDC for giving approval to Plots 1 – 4 before contamination and drainage issues had been resolved.

Site visits should have taken place.

Privacy and contamination issues must be addressed prior to any decision on DC/21/00745.

Question raised whether the developer could manage to adhere to the 9 month time limit stipulated in the Planning Inspector's report.  
The application does not address the Planning Inspector's reasons for refusal but focusses on the height issue.  
The parish council's objection should focus on the harm shown to the neighbouring properties.  
Concern raised that demolition may lead to Plots 5 and 6 being left dormant.

It was proposed to object to planning application DC/21/00745 on the grounds that it does not remedy the significant issues clearly and repeatedly identified by the Inspector throughout the Decision Report. It was also proposed to support all the points being put forward by BSMPC with the exception of reference to the dwellings being built with underbuild which therefore gives no real alternative but to demolish'.  
Proposals seconded and unanimously agreed.

#### **5/03/21 BRIEF INFORMATION & EXCHANGE**

None.

#### **6/03/21 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to be held either virtually or at the Garrad Room, Bures Community Centre, Nayland Road at 7.30pm.

Future dates: Joint APM (TBC), AGM 17<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> November

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

Chair:

Date: