

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Thornham Parish Council held on Tuesday 30 December 2020 at 2.00pm Via Zoom.

Present: Cllr C Venes (Chair) Cllr A Chesterman (Vice) Cllr A Needham
Cllr S Greef Cllr B Gulliver Cllr I Barrett

Also present: Clerk and one member of the Public

The Chair went through the rules regarding running a virtual meeting and everyone to stay muted until asked to speak, if you wish to speak please raise your hand. Members of the public only allowed to speak during Parishioners time. The meeting would be more formal than usual so that the business can be achieved as effectively as possible. Cllr Venes also advised Parishioner that the meeting was being recorded to assist with the minutes if necessary.

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence:
Everyone Present

At this point the Chair advised the Council that a former Councillor, Adrian Brown, had unfortunately passed away during this Christmas Period. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. Articles are being prepared for magazines and Newsletter.

2 To receive Declarations of Interest

None received. Cllr Chesterman advised that her sister did work at one of the planning application sites but that she had no interest to declare.

3. Adjournment of Meeting to allow for public questions. (15 mins max 5 mins per Speaker.)

Cllr Venes advised the Parishioner that he would open the meeting at the Planning agenda item to allow public question.

It was resolved for the meeting to return to closed session.

4. Planning Applications and Determinations:

In order to reduce the number of extra ordinary meetings called, any applications which have been received by the Parish Council since the publication of the agenda and the actual meeting, will be considered at said meeting, unless the Parish Council decide otherwise. All Applications will be listed with a decision on the minutes of the next meeting.

Applications:

20/01862/F Application for Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permisison
20/00075/F: Side and rear extensions to existing cottage at Coastguard Cottage The Green Thornham **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

20/01929/F Application for Front porch, dormer windows and alterations to dwelling at 12 Shepherds Pightle Thornham. **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

20/01873/A Advertisement Application for Two sales boards for new development at the site, Tanglewood House, High Street, Thornham **It was resolved to recommend refusal. The signs are already in place, are too large and a distraction to motorists driving along the A149 so Health and Safety Risk Hazard.**

At this point it was resolved to open the meeting to allow for the member of the public to speak. Cllr Venes also advised that the applications are connected and would be taken together. The Parishioner advised the Council regarding how this application would affect neighbouring property and traffic/parking problems. These included noise level as no noise reduction measures are included in the application.

20/01887/F Application for Single storey rear extension with gazebos at The Orange Tree, High Street, Thornham.

20/01888/LB Listed Building Application for Single storey rear extension with gazebos at The Orange Tree, High Street, Thornham.

A very lengthy debate then took place. It was resolved to recommend refusal on the following grounds. Firstly, the parking issue around the Orange Tree which is situated at the junction of Church Street and the A149, High Street, in the very heart of the village. If the application was allowed the already very difficult parking conditions in this densely residential area would be exacerbated as the customer base would increase. The OT, a successful local business, has over recent years managed a number of adjacent developments which have increased the customer base but no significant improvement to the premises parking facility has accompanied this. In the view of Council this further extension and development would be causing an issue to highway safety.

The excellent reputation of the award-winning Orange Tree with its restaurant recognised regionally attracts clientele from a wide area as well as a local trade. Thus, it generates a high volume of vehicles to the site. The on-site parking is totally inadequate to deal with the needs of current visitors and staff. There are no parking restrictions in the area. The chicane bend along the A149 and the bus stops for the Coastliner bus in both directions prevent most drivers from parking along the High Street. Therefore, vehicles park in Church Street. This is a densely residential area and many of the older properties along both High Street and Church Street have neither garage nor driveway for their cars so both permanent residents and holiday makers, casual day visitors and OT staff are forced to park largely in Church Street. Last summer this meant that Church Street became almost impassable at times, access was severely

restricted to the few driveways off Church Street. With vehicles parking on both sides of Church Street wider vehicles were not always able to pass through.

The additional number of vehicles likely to accrue from allowing the extra table space created by the application will in the view of Council make the local road situation highly dangerous to all road users and pedestrians.

A second concern for council is the issue of noise that would be generated by the additional numbers of diners and their families and there is nothing in the application which suggests any scheme to attenuate the noise from the play area or the additional outdoor dining. This is particularly an issue in high summer when both OT guests and local residents wish to enjoy the evening outdoors. In the view of Council this would constitute excessive noise disturbance.

20/01882/F Application for External and internal alterations at the existing hotel at The Lifeboat Inn Ship Lane Thornham **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

20/01937/F Application for Two storey rear extension to dwelling at Marshview Bank Cottages The Green Thornham **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

20/00188/NMA Application for Non-Material Amendment for Planning Permission 20/00188/F: Replacement dwelling Oldfield The Green Thornham **It was resolved to recommend approval.**

5. Correspondence: (see associated papers)

None received for this meeting.

6. Items For Next Agenda

Drain in the High Street

7. Date, and Place of next meeting.

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13 January 2021 Virtually via Zoom.

With no further business the meeting closed at 15.27.