

LONG MELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Executive Planning Committee MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting held on **Thursday 5th March 2020 at 7:00pm**
at **The United Reformed Church, Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9JT**

Councillors present **I. Bartlett, M. Clayton, R. Delderfield, J. Ewbank, C. Michette, R. Michette, L. Tipper, D. Watts, J. Watts (Chair)**

Councillors absent **J. Lines**

Also attending **D. Lovelock (Parish Clerk), Cllr. J. Nunn (ex officio, non-voting)**
Three members of the public

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:07pm. The following Agenda Items were addressed.

PL20/03-1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lines.

PL20/03-2 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation

No declarations of interest were made by the Councillors.

No requests for dispensation were received from the Councillors.

PL20/03-3 Confirmation of the Accuracy of Minutes for the last Planning Committee Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on **Thursday 6th February 2020**, as previously circulated to Councillors, were reviewed.

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting be accepted and signed by the Chair as providing an accurate record. This was duly done.

PL20/03-4 Public Participation

No members of the public queried, comment upon, or made representations in respect of any item on the Agenda.

PL20/03-5 The following Planning Applications advised by Babergh District Council were considered by the Committee.

i. **DC/20/00474**

Bramertons, Little St Marys, Long Melford CO10 9JB

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents) on planning permission B/16/01648.

Resolved – That the Council has no objection to the application.

ii. **DC/20/00677**

Melford House, Hall Street, Long Melford CO10 9JQ

Change of use from C4 bed and breakfast to C3 dwellinghouse.

Resolved – That the Council has no objection to the application.

- iii. DC/20/00705 **Rectory Gardens, Church Walk, Long Melford CO10 9DL**
 Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Re pollard row of Lime alongside boundary wall as to top heavy and stem failure. Councillors queried the application as it had been made by the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, but the trees it referred to were located on the Glebe Land owned and managed by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to investigate the matter. As the Council has already contracted for the pollarding work, however, it did not want to cause a delay by objecting on the grounds of a non-detrimental technicality.
Resolved – That the Council has no objection to the application.
Resolved – That the Clerk investigate the query and report his finding to the Committee.

PL20/03-6 The following Planning Decisions advised by Babergh District Council were noted by the Committee.

- i. DC/20/00098 **Leaside, Westgate Street, Long Melford CO10 9DS**
 Erection of single story rear extension.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED
- ii. DC/20/00175 **17 St Catherines Road, Long Melford CO10 9JU**
 Erection of fence and gate (following partial demolition of garage wall) to create parking area.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED
- iii. DC/20/00036 **24 Harefield, Long Melford CO10 9DE**
 Erection of rear dormer extension and rooflights in conjunction with loft conversion.
PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED
- iv. DC/20/00033 **1 Pound Hall Cottages, The Green, Long Melford CO10 9DX**
 Erection of roll-top clay chimney pot and decorative bird guard.
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT GRANTED

PL20/03-7 Details of the Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed the time, date and location of the next Planning Committee Meeting as being **7:00pm, Thursday 2nd April 2020 at the United Reformed Church, Long Melford.**

Non-Agenda Item – Old Garage Site Planning Application

Cllr. D. Watts received permission from the Chair to discuss the status of the Old Garage site redevelopment. He said that, due to the significant objections to the planning application, he considered it should be dealt with by the District Council Planning Committee and not be delegated to a planning officer. Parish and District Cllr. Nunn advised that the matter had been tabled for a Babergh District Council (BDC) planning meeting, but had subsequently been deferred and removed from the agenda. The Councillors were unanimous in their concern regarding the situation and the site's dilapidated state. They requested that Cllr. Nunn progress the matter with BDC, and that the developer be asked to reinstate the site's perimeter fencing to a reasonable condition so as to ensure public safety and reduce the negative visual impact it was having upon the locality.

Non-Agenda Item – Skylark Fields Planning Application

The Chair exercised his discretion to ask if anything was known regarding the status of the planning application for Skylark Fields, which had been referred to the Secretary of State for a decision. Cllr. Tipper replied that the matter has been taken up with South Suffolk MP James Cartledge, who had advised that such matters "take time". The Councillors noted this response, while voicing their disappointment with it.

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There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7:28pm.

Signed: John Watts
J. Watts
LMPC Executive Planning Committee Chair

Date: 02/04/2020