

BRAMFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

**VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Present (by video): Cllr M Brand, I Dicker, Cllr A Haigh, Cllr J Gardiner, Cllr P Kingham (left at item 9), Cllr L Powell, Cllr C Ranson, Cllr C Reeve, Cllr J Tunaley, Cllr C Wolton, Claire Pizzey (Locum Clerk), County Councillor John Field, and 28 members of the public.

1.	<b>To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms from the Co-opted Councillors:</b> John Tunaley signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form and was accepted into the council.
2.	<b>To receive and consider apologies for absence (in accordance with Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972):</b> S Coulson. Members noted his apologies.
3.	<b>To receive member's declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest:</b> None received.
4.	<b>To consider any requests for dispensations received:</b> None received.
5.	<b>Public Forum:</b> Bron Curtis, MSDC Principal Planning Officer, Strategic Projects and Delivery Team introduced herself to the meeting. Bron explained that this is a cross boundary application and has resulted in a submission from both Babergh and Mid Suffolk but there is no difference in the applications received. An explanation on the process for the planning application was made.  Members of the public were given the opportunity to ask Bron questions on the planning process and application.
6.	<b>To consider and agree Council comments on applications made to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) (please note: in planning matters the Council acts as the consultee of the Principal Authority. The Principal Authority being the deciding body):</b>  1. <b>DC/20/05895:</b> Proposal: Full Planning Application - Installation of renewable energy generating station, comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements including Nature Areas. Location: Land To The South Of Church Farm, Somersham, IP8 4PN And Land To The East Of The

	<p>Channel, Burstall, IP8 4JL In Suffolk: The members discussed the application. Cllrs resolved to <u>OBJECT</u> to the planning application and delegated authority was given to Cllrs Powell, Wolton and Reeve to write the objection letter on behalf of the council. Cllr Tunaly abstained. The Clerk to ask for an extension to comment until the end of February 2021.</p> <p><b>2. DC/21/00060:</b> Proposal: Full Planning Application - Installation of renewable led energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements including Nature Areas Location: Land To The East Of The Channel, Burstal Hill: The members discussed the application. Cllrs resolved to <u>OBJECT</u> to the planning application and delegated authority was given to Cllrs Powell, Wolton and Reeve to write the objection letter on behalf of the council. Cllr Tunaly abstained. The Clerk to ask for an extension to comment until the end of February 2021.</p>
7.	<p><b>To agree that delegated authority is given to up to 3 Councillors and the Clerk to arrange and attend a meeting with Bellway Homes to discuss the Reserved Matters application for land at Loraine Way, Bramford:</b> Cllrs resolved that Cllrs Dicker, Powell and Wolton along with the Clerk would meet with Bellway Homes. Cllr Haigh offered to attend if he was available.</p>
8.	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Members are asked to note that the next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 via zoom commencing at 7.30pm</p>
9.	<p><b>To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press to be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed:</b> It was resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting to update the members on staffing matters of a confidential matter.</p>
10.	<p>Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 21.23</p>