

Minutes of Hollesley Parish Council Meeting

Held on 6th September 2023 ~ 7.30pm

At Hollesley Village Hall (Committee Room), Woodbridge Road, Hollesley

Present

Cllr. Brian Devine (Chair), Cllr. Carolyn Bevan-Biggs, Cllr. Trevor Burbridge, Cllr. Peter Jacks, and Cllr. Anna Yates

Judi Hallett (Clerk) 11 Members of the Public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Record of Public Session:

a) Reports or comment from any member of the public or any other village organisation (notes only):

- DC/23/3182/AGO – This application is similar to the previous one, it will be a large black hole, with 2m high walls and 6m above the ground (huge walls), if and when there is a Surge Tide and the Sea Wall is breached the salt water will flow into the reservoir, it is likely to breach the walls of the reservoir and then follow the line of the Flood Zone, along the Black Ditch; the water will take weeks to get away and in the meantime what environmental damage will it do? The Breach in 1953 showed what can happen and it will happen again. We are just 5m away from the flood zone but the water will affect the village more than us. It will also affect the Sewage Works which will cause issues in the village for weeks. There is no reason for it to be there, there are lots of other places it could be. It will also be an attraction to children, to swim in; if they get into trouble no one will hear them. With the sharp rise in population at the Prison the Sewage Works are working overtime and if they are flooded there will be big issues.
- DC/23/3182/AGO – I echo the comments so far. There is not enough information about what will happen in a Surge Tide or if there are leaks from the reservoir. The Black Ditch is the main drain in to the North Sea. This meadow is the natural flood plain for when the sea wall is breached, if there is a large hole there it will never drain away again. I understand that no materials will be bought in for the walls, but the natural materials are not good quality and most of the walls will be just compacted soil, not good clay. Also, where will the water come from to fill it and what impact will that have on other wildlife?
- DC/23/3182/AGO – I have also objected to this application. There are no details about planting on the sides of the walls and so we do not know what impact this will have on the natural environment.
- DC/23/3182/AGO – There is a single road to Shingle Street, if this is affected by flood waters that cannot recede, we will be cut off.
- DC/23/3182/AGO – There is not sufficient information in this application to say what the impact will be on other areas, from diverting lots of water to one area. Have Natural England been consulted? Some respondents are asking for more time and NE will have strong views.
- DC/23/3182/AGO – If this is storage for Winter Watering it will come from the Black Ditch and may be contaminated. In the summer it will be a muddy hole.

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Agenda Item	Resolution / Agreement / Fact	Action
<p>1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>a) To receive apologies</p> <p>b) To approve apologies</p>	<p>a) Apologies had been received from Cllr. Roger Dawson (Away), Cllr. Jane Baker (Away), and Cllr. David Physick (Away).</p> <p>b) Acceptance of the apologies of Cllrs. Baker, Dawson and Physick were proposed by Cllr. Burbridge, seconded by Cllr. Yates and all were in agreement.</p>	<p>a) Noted</p> <p>b) Noted</p>
<p>2. <u>To receive any...</u></p> <p>a) Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</p> <p>b) Declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest</p> <p>c) Applications for Dispensation on Agenda Items</p> <p>d) Declarations of Gifts or Hospitality received over the value of £50.00</p> <p>e) Notifications of Lobbying with reference to any Planning Application to be discussed</p>	<p>a) None</p> <p>b) None</p> <p>c) None</p> <p>d) None</p> <p>e) None</p>	<p>a) None</p> <p>b) None</p> <p>c) None</p> <p>d) None</p> <p>e) None</p>
<p>3. <u>Public Session</u></p>	<p><i>See above record</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
<p>4. To agree <u>Minutes</u> of meeting dated 17th August 2023</p>	<p>The minutes had been circulated to all and minor grammatical corrections had been noted. The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr. Burbridge, seconded by Cllr. Devine and all present for all of the meeting agreed they were correct.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to post on the Website

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<p>5. To discuss the following <u>Planning Applications</u>:</p> <p>a) DC/23/3061/FUL Erect first floor balcony on rear elevation Highfield House, Parsons Hill, Hollesley</p> <p>b) DC/23/3182/AGO Prior Notification - agricultural - A balanced cut and fill earth moving operation to create an irrigation reservoir Land North West Of Pumping Station, Shingle Street, Hollesley</p> <p>c) DC/23/3135/FUL Conversion of detached garage to habitable accommodation - annex Long House, Rectory Road, Hollesley</p>	<p>a) Councillors made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is very small and only overlooks a paddock (possible houses in the future) It is a slender style with glass walls, I see no issues Conclusion = No Objection – (Prop. Cllr. Burbridge, Sec. Cllr. Yates and all in agreement) <p>b) Councillors made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We objected last time and very little has changed, it will have a massive impact on the visual aspects of the AONB and is very close to the SSSI We have heard and read a great many objections to this. They do not appear to have addressed the issue of a Surge Tide and what would happen There is no Environmental Study on the Portal Conclusion = Objection – (Prop. Cllr. Burbridge, Sec. Cllr. Jacks and all in agreement) <p>[Note: This application was withdrawn on 7th September 2023, before a letter from the Parish Council could be submitted]</p> <p>c) Councillors made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The building is on site already, it is just a conversion. This may be let out as a rental property but I see little harm in that A precedent for this type of conversion has already been set in other areas This will have no visual impact for neighbours and the window that does face the neighbours will be frosted anyway Conclusion = No Objection – (Prop. Cllr. Burbridge, Sec. Cllr. Bevan-Biggs and all in agreement) 	<p>a) Clerk to notify ESC Planning Department</p> <p>b) Clerk to prep letter and send to all for review before sending to ESC Planning Department</p> <p>c) Clerk to notify ESC Planning Department</p>

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<p>d) DC/23/3170/FUL - Installation of ground mounted Solar PV Array for Holstow Lodge - Former Holstow Lodge, Lodge Road, Hollesley</p> <p>e) DC/23/3305/VOC - Variation of Condition(s) 2 & 3 of Planning Permission DC/21/2415/FUL - Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling Lodge Cottage, Lodge Road, Hollesley</p>	<p>d) Councillors made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These arrays are now common place and this is small in comparison to the plot • The panels will be close to a hedge and not easily visible • Conclusion = No objection – (Prop. Cllr. Burbridge, Sec. Cllr. Devine and all in agreement <p>e) Councillors made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are some amendments to the front of the property but these are minimal • The main change is at the back where a two storey extension is now a single storey, much less visual impact on the neighbours • Conclusion = No objection – (Prop. Cllr. Burbridge, Sec. Cllr. Yates and all in agreement 	<p>d) Clerk to notify ESC Planning Department</p> <p>e) Clerk to notify ESC Planning Department</p>
<p>6. To receive <u>agenda items for next meeting and agree date of Next Meeting 21st September 2023</u>)</p>	<p>It was suggested the following items were added to the regular September agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular Trees at Oak Hill Recreation Ground • Budget Timetable <p>Date of next meeting: 21st September 2023</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to prepare September agenda

The meeting was closed at 6.35pm

Signed:
Chair

Date:

Judi Hallett
Clerk to Hollesley Parish Council

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