

Minutes of the Meeting of Doddinghurst Parish Council Planning Committee held at 19.00 on 30th January 2023 in the Parish Office, Adjacent Village Hall, Church Lane, Doddinghurst.

Present: Cllrs: D. Dicker (Chairman), M. Capon and D. Potter and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs. A. Smith & R. McCheyne

2. Declaration of Interests relating to items on the agenda: None

3. 🗋️ Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2022

4. Public Participation:

Both residents spoke on application 22/01734/FUL Land to the South of Baskevyns, Days Lane, Doddinghurst. It was noted that this is a second application for this site, the previous application having been withdrawn by the applicant.

One resident was disappointed that the letter which was sent last month to the Borough Councillors raising questions about the site and its vicinity had not been discussed with him first as he had received a visit from BBC Enforcement Officers. He stated that he had been informed by BBC that Days Lane is not a Protected Lane, and he confirmed that no dog day-care business is being run from his premises.

The second resident stated that she was representing others in the lane who were not able to come to the meeting and raised points on highways land and ownership/responsibility, animal welfare, Green Belt and Protected Lane status, and potential future use of the site if this application is approved.

The two members of the public left the meeting.

5. Planning Update noted.

6. New Planning Applications

a) Application No. 22/01734/FUL

Development: Construction of 3 no. agricultural stables with related hardstanding to front and fencing within site.

Address: Land to the South of Baskevyns, Days Lane, Doddinghurst

🗋️ **Resolved** to object to the application based on items raised during Public

Participation. If BBC officers propose to approve the application, a request to call it in shall be made.

b) Application No. 23/00049/TPO

Development: (T1) Oak – reduce the height and spread back to previous pruning points.

(T2) Field Maple – reduce the height and spread back to previous pruning points

(TPO18/1982)

Address: 25 Park Meadow, Doddinghurst

🗋️ **Resolved** to support.

c) Application No. 22/01790/S192

Development: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed use or development for a single storey rear extension

Address: 38 Rectory Chase, Doddinghurst

👉 **Resolved** to make no objection.

7. Ownership of Frog Street Pond

The Clerk reported that a neighbouring resident was applying to register the pond with the Land Registry. Ownership of the pond is not clear, but it was noted that the Parish Council had applied to register it in 2005 but the application had been unsuccessful. It was agreed to pursue this again and Cllr. Potter will liaise with the Clerk on the next steps.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that it would be advantageous for the Parish Council to set out policies on land development and protection for the village as a point of reference going forward.

9. Footpaths

Nothing to report. Cllr. Capon will report back later in the spring.

10. Bus Routes & Timetables

Cllr. Dicker reported that the no. 61 bus will continue to serve the village under its current two-year contract which runs until July 2024. The bus company has stated that passenger numbers have increased and the service is not under threat at present. Members agreed that there was no need for a bus meeting at this time (agreed at Council on 12th January) but that it would be more advantageous later in the year. In the meantime the bus company will provide promotional material which can be delivered around the village. The Clerk to investigate whether this could be included as a wrap-around in the Doddinghurst Link.

11. Land in Trust

Nothing to report

12. Any other urgent business for information only

None.

The meeting closed at 20.45

Signed:

Date: