

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 6TH
FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.00PM IN WODSON PAVILION, COLD CHRISTMAS LANE,
THUNDRIDGE**

PRESENT: Cllr R Parkins (Chairman), Cllr S Bosson, Cllr B Hawes, Cllr J Spackman, Cllr M Spackman, Cllr B Taylor, Cllr C Brigden.

Clerk: Belinda Irons

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17.16 Apologies for absence: Cllr Bruce Shearman

17.17 Declarations of Members Interests (pecuniary, non-pecuniary, personal):

Cllr Taylor: High Cross Church: Beechwood Homes proposed development
Personal interest

17.18 Public discussion: limited to 15 minute: no comments received.

17.19 Planning:

Planning applications:

3/17/0198/ADV Advertising	HC Motors, High Cross 1 x internally illuminated fascia & 2 x non-illuminated panel signs (retrospective) <i>No objection</i>
3/17/0150/HH Planning Application	26 Cambridge Road, Thundridge Proposed single storey side extension: <i>no objection</i>
3/17/0251/FUL Planning application	Land At North Drive High Cross Erection of 21 dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and access: <i>Public meeting 19.2.17 12 noon</i>

17.20 Thundridge Parish Neighbourhood Plan

A proposal was agreed at the May 2016 meeting, but was not formally recorded. To ensure correct protocol is adhered to, the following proposal rectifies this situation.

PROPOSAL: That Thundridge Parish Council formally agree to produce a Neighbourhood Plan under the Localism Act 2011 (schedule 9) and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Section 61F & 61G) and Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. PROPOSED: Cllr Hawes, seconded Cllr Bosson. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Thundridge Parish Council reaffirmed the proposal agreed at the January meeting for the sake of clarity.

Chairman's signature..... 13th March 2017

PROPOSAL: That Thundridge Parish Council herewith agree to recommend the Neighbourhood Plan boundary, excluding land north west of Moles Farm driveway which will be included in Ware Town Neighbourhood Plan for development as part of the EHDC development North and West of Ware, as recommended by Thundridge Parish Neighbourhood Advisory Committee for ratification subject to the retention of all monies due under S106 and New Homes Bonus which would be due to the Parish of Thundridge. PROPOSED: Cllr Parkins, seconded Cllr M Spackman. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Survey: update:

Councillors met with Neighbourhood Plan member Richard Hallman to discuss the survey and take a considered view of the questions posed in the document on Sunday, 5th February. The following questions were discussed and the Neighbourhood Plan team has responded thus:

Q11 - retention of business sites. We suggest the phrasing for this question be altered to "Which of the following business locations would you like to see kept for commercial use? Tick all that apply", and then a straight single tickbox against each of the locations. *Parish Council agrees.*

Q22 - parish landmarks. Regarding removal of the Orchard, some members have expressed concern about losing this, as it's location is ripe for development. I now understand that the owners are looking to put it into a Trust - are you aware of this, and if so, is this definite? If that is the case, then it should be protected anyway, and can be removed. *Parish Council recommends removal of the orchard.*

Q30 - the changing of "As the Parish grows to "If the Parish grows". This was thought a little concerning, as since the Parish has 2 group 2 villages within it, it is inevitable that there will be some development. I suggest we reword this question to avoid the issue - how about "Do you see the need for other educational facilities in the Parish over the next 15 years?" *Parish Council agrees to revised wording.*

Q41 (what tenure of new homes do you think are needed in the parish? Indicate ideal %age) that the Parish Council asked to be removed.

The Housing group are keen to retain this question - I explained the concern the PC had about people misunderstanding the phrase "affordable". Housing has made the point that the 40% affordable stipulation can be challenged by developers. Can I suggest two options. First off, we explain the "affordable" tenures more within the question - or describe it as "social (affordable) housing" instead. The "social" phrase should get the point across as to what it means, or we could say something along the lines of "Social (affordable) housing as provided via Housing Associations". *Parish Council wants it made clear that this is social housing, not affordable market housing.*

As a second option, we could rephrase the question thus

"Please rate on a scale of 1 to 5 (where 1 is the most important and 5 is the least important) the need for the following new homes tenure within the Parish" ...and then list the tenures.

This second option may be harder to interpret the data from.

Q50 (Has someone approached you with a view to developing land that you own) - again, PC asked for removal.

The housing group are also keen to retain the question. I suggest we rephrase it to be less intrusive/"personal". How about "Has someone approached you with a view to developing land that you own? Note this question is optional, so only respond if you wish to" - and then remove the "prefer not to say" option, as people can then ignore it completely. *Parish Council agrees to the change.*

Richard Hallman attended the meeting and answered additional questions posed by the Parish Council on these questions.

PROPOSAL: *That Thundridge Parish Council herewith ratify the survey produced by the Thundridge Parish Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee subject to amendments made and agreed by the Parish Council, and agree distribution to each household in the Parish.* PROPOSED: Cllr M Spackman, seconded Cllr Hawes. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY.

17.21 Wodson Pavilion:

The Parish Council has found the provision of WIFI to be extremely useful to view the online planning applications and have access to the internet in Parish Council meetings when using High Cross Village Hall. Unfortunately, hiring arrangements clash with Parish Council meeting dates. It was therefore proposed that a removable system should be installed into Wodson pavilion to enable this beneficial use at every Parish Council meeting..

PROPOSAL: *That Thundridge Parish Council herewith agrees to fund and install WIFI, (non-fixed) projector and fixed screen into Wodson Pavilion.* PROPOSED: Cllr Bosson, seconded Cllr Brigden. AGREED AND RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

17.22 Budget & Precept:

Precept application: The precept application form was completed and signed at this meeting.

17.23 Date of next meeting: Venue: Wodson pavilion: 2nd Monday alternate months

13th March

8th May: Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting

10th July

11th September

13th November: budgets

Neighbourhood Plan Meetings: Venue: Wodson pavilion: 1st Monday of the month

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.30PM