

Present: Councillors (Cllrs) Ben Lord (Chairman), Sophia Wilson, Pam Shelton and Terry Lilley

Also Present: Mandy Adlington (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from;

Cllr Reeve – technical issues – accepted.

Cllr Sutton – illness – accepted.

Cllr Birrell – personal issues – accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were received.

3. Public Forum

Only one resident had registered to speak in the public forum.

The resident made the following comments about planning application DC/21/0211.

- **Point 4.1** of the application – two trees are to be removed to stop overshadowing the adjacent property. The suggested development is approximately three metres closer to the adjacent property which will seriously overshadow the property. If you refer to West Suffolk Policy DM24 clauses a, b, and c this development will ‘seriously and adversely affect my residential amenity’. Point 4.1 also suggests that this property has a garden disproportionately large compared to neighbouring houses.
The statement is clearly untrue, the garden size is in proportion to a large four bedroomed house and neighbouring gardens of 21, 23 and 27 Street Farm Lane all have larger gardens. The Rural vision (2015) identifies in section 22.11 that the “form and character of the village means that residential development opportunities are limited to infill development in and between the edge of Ixworth and the relief road to the north east “. The local plan in my view does not advocate maximised densification of existing plots within the conservation area of the village.
- **Point 4.2** – The plan states the drawing ‘02c demonstrates’ that it will not adversely affect neighbouring properties. The plans do not show placement of windows and how these houses will affect adjacent properties so it is impossible to state the houses will not affect the amenities of adjacent properties.
- **Access and Traffic Concerns** - The access to the proposed development is through a gateway which would not be suitable for emergency vehicles.

The resident requested that the Parish Council to take into consideration the points made above when discussing the application below.

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council reacted to this, and the other two applications on the agenda, as soon as they were received as comments were required before the next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council.

4. Planning

DC/21/0103 – Repair and rebuild front boundary wall – 1 Crown Mews, Thetford Road, Ixworth

No Objection

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DC/21/0211 – Outline planning application (means of access, layout and scale to be considered) two dwellings (demolition of part of existing house and garage) – Land rear of Everton House, Thetford Road, Ixworth

Objection

It was agreed to object to this application due to;

- Over development of the site
- Lack of parking which may cause traffic and safety issues in Thetford Road
- Proximity to adjacent properties
- Access to the property is not fit for purpose, especially allowing access to wide emergency vehicles

5. Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for the remaining items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by the reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Members of the public were excluded at 7.50pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

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Date