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# MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY ZOOM VIDEO LINK ON THURSDAY 24th MARCH 2021 @ 6PM

Present: Cllr J Bell, Cllr C Tranter, Cllr J Mew, Cllr I Urwin, DC Cllr Warboys

Clerk - J Challis

**Apologies:** Cllr F Oliver, Cllr J Clifford, Cllr D Kearsley

### 1 Chair's welcome and to consider and approve apologies for absence

Cllr Bell welcomed everyone to the meeting, and approved apologies for absence received from Cllr Oliver and Cllr Clifford.

## 2 To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None declared.

#### 3 To consider requests for Dispensations on agenda items

None requested.

6:05pm Cllr Urwin joined the meeting.

#### 4 Planning DC/21/01633 - Nu Lodge Farm, Back Street, Gislingham, IP23 8JH

Cllr Bell outlined details of the planning application, noting that we were only provided 7 days to respond and did not receive a reply to our request for an extension, plus the irregularity in the spelling of Nu Lodge Farm throughout.

Councillors discussed the application and agreed they had no objection.

#### **ACTION**

- Clerk to comment that Gislingham Parish Council have no objection to the application on the MSDC Planning Portal.
- Clerk to email MSDC planning department to express concerns over the short time frame given to respond, and the discrepancies in spelling of the property address.

On 25th March 2021 the following email was sent to MSDC planning department:

Gislingham Parish Council would like to point out that this application is advertised as Nu Lodge Farm but there are references within the application to **New Farm** and **New Lodge**. Can it please be clarified that it is actually **Nu Lodge Farm**.

The Chair of Gislingham Parish Council also has concerns that an Extraordinary Meeting had to be held (Wednesday 24th March 2021) to consider this application given the very tight timeframe provided. As you can see below, I did request an extension to the 7 days given, but have not yet received a response. Councillor R Warboys (Ward Councillor) also attended the meeting, and we shared our concerns with him. Cllr Warboys advised Gislingham Parish Council that he would look into the matter of Parish Councils being given very short time frames for consideration of Planning Applications.

## 5 Date of next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.

Meeting Closed at 6:13pm