

Widdington Parish Council

Draft Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th December, 2020 at 8.00pm

Present Chair Maria Orr, Cllr Jill Brookman, Cllr Chris Firmin, Cllr Margaret Hudson, Cllr Ian Southcott and Cllr Maggs Webb.

In Attendance 3 members of the public and Amanda Lindsell, Clerk to the Council.

12.20.01EGM CHAIR'S WELCOME

Chair Orr welcomed those present to the meeting.

12.20.02EGM APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

12.20.03EGM DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

12.20.04EGM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public noted;

i. Concerns regarding the persistent submission of planning applications at land rear of Malt Place, Cornells Lane.

ii. The desire to understand how best to object to planning applications and support the Parish Council in their responses. Chair Orr explained the importance of residents submitting their comments to Uttlesford District Council in response to planning applications and reminded those present that the Parish Council are only a statutory consultee and do not make planning decisions.

12.20.05EGM PLANNING

The following response was agreed for return to Uttlesford District Council regarding planning application; UTT/20/3016/FUL - Land rear of Malt Place, Cornells Lane, Widdington
Conversion of existing single storey agricultural building to 4 no. residential units. The Parish Council agreed that they strongly object to this application, and resolved to engage planning consultant Geoff Gardner to prepare the Council's response to this application.

12.20.06EGM VILLAGE HALL

i. Cllr Brookman detailed the £2650 quotation received to build a structure to store the community sand bags. It was suggested that the sand bags could be stored in one of the garages in Hamel Way.

ii. As the Village Hall have already purchased the new boiler, the Parish Council suggested that the Village Hall Committee liaise with District Councillor Neil Hargreaves regarding his ward initiative fund, and County Cllr Ray Gooding for further funding opportunities. The Parish Council noted their ongoing support of the Village Hall as an important part of the village community.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm.