

**MINUTES of a meeting of Little Downham Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Main Street, Little Downham, on Thursday, 18 August 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Councillors present: JL Waters, in the chair, and JW Barker, CE Hall, LEA Joel, RS Martin, MM Oldfield, G Ord, MAC Seidler, BL Taylor, GH Taylor and KO Winters. **Clerk:** Mrs J Wardle

Other attendees: None.

68/16 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Dist. Cllr A Bailey and County Cllr L Dupre.

69/16 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **Cllr JW Barker** declared a personal interest in item 73/16 (RMJ Yarrow) because he owns land adjoining Mr Yarrow's property. (Declaration 026-2016).
2. **Cllr CE Hall** declared an interest in item 71/16.1.3 (Application 16/00892/FUL) because he is a tenant of her land and a friend. (Declaration 027-2016).
3. **Cllr BL Taylor** declared the following interests (Declaration 028-2016):
Cllr GH Taylor declared the following interests (Declaration 029-2016):
 - 3.1 Pecuniary interests in item 71/16.1.2 (Application 16/00885/RMA) because they are the applicants;
 - 3.2 Personal interests in item 71/16.1.3 (Application 16/00892/FUL) because the applicant is a relation;
 - 3.3 Personal interests in item 71/16.1.4 (Application 16/00966/OUT) because the applicant is a relation;
 - 3.4 Personal interests in item 71/16.1.8 (Application 16/00865/FUL) because the applicant is a relation
4. **Cllr KO Winters** declared a personal interest in item 73/16 (RMJ Yarrow) because he is a next door neighbour - land adjoining Mr Yarrow's property. (Declaration 030-2016).

70/16 PUBLIC FORUM – No comments

71/16 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Planning correspondence -

- 1.1 **16/00908/FUL** Dr Cliff Roberts, 1 Matthew Wren Close, Little Downham – Change of use from home brewing to a small business as a microbrewery. The two sheds – 10 foot by 8 foot (7.4 square meters) are pre-existing.

Resolved - Little Downham Parish Council had no concerns regarding this application.

7.15pm Cllr BL & GH Taylor left the meeting.

- 1.2 **16/00885/RMA** Mr & Mrs BL & GH Taylor, Land adjacent Mount Pleasant Farm, 66 Main Street, Pymoor – Approval of the details for reserved matters for Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale of planning application 16/00133/OUT.

Resolved - Little Downham Parish Council had no concerns regarding this application.

7.24pm Cllr BL & GH Taylor returned to the meeting.

- 1.3 **16/00892/FUL** Mr M Taylor, Head Fen Fishing Lakes, Seventh Drove, Lt Downham – Erection of 2 accommodation units for fishing persons

Resolved - Little Downham Parish Council had no concerns regarding this application.

- 1.4 **16/00966/OUT** Mr Mark Taylor, Land to south of 65 Main Street, Pymoor – Erection of 4 no dwellings and garages and associated works

Resolved - Little Downham Parish Council had no concerns regarding this application.

- 1.5 **16/00915/FUL** Mr Edward Leech, Land rear of 53 to 65 Main Street, Pymoor – Change of use from orchard/field to garden. **Resolved Little Downham Parish Council had concerns regarding this application and recommended outright refusal for the following reasons:**

1. Application and Maps do not make sense with regards to the actual area being a change of use from orchard/field to garden and/or including the paddock.
2. The Council has concerns regarding the implications to the change of use of such a large area.

- 1.6 **16/01021/FUL** Mr & Mrs C Howchin, 105 Main Street, Lt Downham – Single storey rear extension and new front porch.
Resolved - Little Downham Parish Council had no concerns regarding this application.
- 1.7 **For information only:**
ECDC: Applications approved: 16/00605/VARM, 16/00675/FUL, 16/00792/PDR
- 1.8 **16/00865/FUL** Mrs Margaret Belam, 39 Main Street, Pymoor - Demolish existing building and erect 1No 4 bed house and 1No 2 bed chalet bungalow. It was proposed that the Council had concerns and recommend amendments to the Scheme. **A recorded vote result was as follows: In favour (6) - Cllrs CE Hall, LEA Joel, RS Martin, MM Oldfield, MAC Seidler. Against (5) - Cllr JW Barker, BL Taylor, GH Taylor, JL Waters, KO Winters.**
Resolved - Little Downham Parish Council had concerns regarding this application and recommended amendments to the scheme for the following reasons:
 1. Overdevelopment of the site - The proposed 4-bed chalet dwelling and 2-bed chalet bungalow give a cramped appearance on the site. Reduce the size of the 4-bed dwelling.
 2. Insufficient proposed parking - Tandem parking of two cars for the 4-bed dwelling is considered insufficient and could potentially result in on-street parking. Increase on site parking provision to cater for one car per bedroom.
- 1.9 **16/00952/FUL** Mr & Mrs B Tidy Walnut Cottage Pymoor Lane Pymoor - POTENTIAL DEPARTURE - Annexe to front of dwelling.
Resolved - Little Downham Parish Council had no concerns regarding this application.

72/16 FINANCE

1. **To approve bills and other items for payment** - It was proposed by Cllr MAC Seidler and seconded by Cllr CE Hall.
Resolved unanimously to approve BACS payments 487 – 495 and Direct Debit for the total sum of £5393.90.

73/16 PARISH COUNCIL LAND AND ASSETS

1. **RMJ Yarrow – Request to extend grazing of cattle in Myles Meadow to 30/10/16** – Approximately five cattle are in the meadow. Concern was expressed about ground conditions for members of the public. It was reported that Mr Yarrow had not removed all Thistles in the Meadow, as requested. The Clerk will contact Mr Yarrow to highlight the concerned areas.
Resolved unanimously to approve Mr Yarrow’s request to extend cattle grazing of in Myles Meadow up to 30th October 2016, subject to acceptable weather and ground conditions, by which time all cattle must be removed.

74/16 REQUEST OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION - None

75/16 TO ADJOURN MEETING FOR CHANGE OF VENUE

8.24pm The Council left the Village Hall to relocate at the Pavilion in Lt Downham Recreation Area, School Lane, Little Downham, in order to consider item 76/16. Public and Press were welcome to attend. Cllr Martin gave apologies and went home.

76/16 PARISH COUNCIL LAND AND ASSETS

1. **To review and assess the conditions of the Pavilion** – The Council reviewed the inside and outside the building.
Resolved unanimously that the Chairman and Clerk should obtain quotes for the following work: Disabled toilet, disabled access, baby changing facilities, referee’s room, new floor, replacement windows and doors, provision of a cupboard for cleaning items and new kitchen units.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 08.45 pm.

Signed (Chairman) Date