

FOULDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Additional Ordinary Meeting held 7.00pm, 3rd January 2023

MINUTES

Present: M Christian, R Cooper, J Green, S McMahon (Vice Chairman, in the Chair), B Parnham, B Pye
Absent: S Parker (see Item 1 below).
In attendance: Eight members of the public; J Taylor (Clerk)

2023/1. To receive and accept apologies (LGA1972, s85(1)(2))

S Parker (away).

2023/2. To receive declarations of interest in any items to be discussed and grant any dispensation requests

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Pye declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, as his spouse works for the Village Hall which could be considered as a competitor to a revived White Hart.

Other Interests.

The Vice Chairman declared his previous interest as a shareholder in the White Hart Community Benefit Society.

The Clerk declared her previous interest as a shareholder in and director of the White Hart Community Benefit Society.

It was noted that, as parish councillors, all councillors were automatically trustees of the Village Hall Charity. However, it was specifically noted that at this meeting, councillors were acting in the interest of the parish council, and not in their capacity as trustees of the village hall charity.

2023/3. Public Participation

A number of residents spoke, with the following observations.

It was noted that the current application was no different to previous applications, which had been rejected by Breckland District Council, and then rejected once more on appeal.

It was noted that a Planning Notice had briefly appeared at the site, but had been removed.

A query was raised regarding the status and efficacy of listing the White Hart as an Asset of Community Value. It was noted that this allowed a community to put forward a bid to buy the Asset, but that the owner was under no legal obligation to accept such bid.

Residents asked specifically what Breckland District Council could legally do to allow the community to compulsorily purchase the White Hart.

It was noted that at the time of the initial drive for community purchase, the option to purchase was not available so many residents felt unable to contribute.

The Vice Chair encouraged as many residents as possible to post their views on the planning application on the Breckland District Council website.

2023/4. To consider planning application 3PL/2022/1390/F: Change of use and extension of a disused public house to create 3no. dwellings & erection of detached cartlodges & associated works

No decision was made, as it was felt further views from residents should be sought.

2023/5. To consider any further actions arising from planning application 3PL/2022/1390/F

It was AGREED that a village meeting should be convened to ascertain the views of residents.

It was AGREED that a further additional parish council meeting should be convened to decide upon a response to the planning application.

It was AGREED that the parish council would request a delay for response to the planning application from Breckland District Council, in order to facilitate meetings with the Planning Officer and the Applicant. Cllr Green undertook to arrange this.

Meeting closed 7.30pm.

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Chairman

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Date