

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS  
COMMITTEE OF MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 09 JANUARY 2019**

**Present:** Miss J Bear (Committee), Mr C Blundell (Committee), Mr S Denton (Chairman), Mr J Forbes (Committee), Mr Kelso (Committee), Mr E Thompson (Committee). Mr O'Brien Baker.

A member of the public arrived at 7.15pm.

**In attendance:** Mrs S Robertson (Clerk) and Mrs D Linsley (Deputy Clerk).

**1. Apologies:** Mr L Brome, Mr Irwin, Mr W Welch.

**2. Interests**

2.1 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI): None declared.

2.2 Local non-Pecuniary Interest (LNPI): None declared.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM:** To allow members of the public to address business on the agenda; to note any issues raised by the public.

No issues were raised by the public.

**4. Planning application outside the scope of the delegated authority to the Clerk**

4.1 SCC/0107/18SC – Birchwood Primary School, Valiant Road, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3SP – Construction of a detached sport/indoor space facility building with associated external works.

Mr Denton and the Clerk had met with representatives of the school and looked at the location of the proposed building within the school grounds.

SCC had notified the surrounding neighbours of the planning application. Mr Denton was not aware of any objections.

The school intend hiring out the new hall to cover some of the operational costs.

A mature oak will be removed. The school has collected acorns from the tree to grow on and plant in the grounds of the school. Other trees will remain to help screen the building.

It was noted that the school already have permission from MHHL to use The Green for football.

After school hours the building will be available for activities such as badminton and keep fit classes.

It was not known if the school intends hiring the hall out for parties.

Concern was expressed about the need for adequate ventilation. Ventilation by propping open fire doors was to be avoided.

The surrounding built environment is of pitched roofs. The front of the building will be covered in a dark brown cladding.

Mr Forbes thanked the Chairman and Clerk for making enquiries about the proposed build.

**DECISION D2019/1a:** The Parish Council supports this planning application because it meets the needs of the School and community needs identified in the Martlesham Neighbourhood Plan.

However it would wish to see conditions imposed which address the following:

- Provision of ventilation;
- Minimisation of noise disturbance, e.g. no adult or older teenage parties with loud amplified music;
- Restrictions on alcohol consumption;
- Restrictions on hours of use, as proposed by the applicant, i.e. normal school hours plus out of school hours, 6-10pm Mon – Fri and 8am – 12noon Sat;
- Low level external lighting.

These conditions are in the interest of the well-being and amenity of users and neighbouring residents.

The Council has some concerns about the roof height and shape of the facility, which is out of keeping with surrounding buildings (including the School) which have varying pitches. The Council asks if consideration can be given to reducing the roof height, e.g. reduce the height of the up stand above the guttering line to help reduce the apparent bulk of the building. **Agreed.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

*M. J. Irwin*

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Chairman, 06 February 2019