

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in The Old School Community Centre
at 7.00p.m. on Wednesday 12 August 2015**

Present: Cllrs. Paul Bishop, Margaret Godwin, Phil Gryce, Bob Verguson
Claire Ebeling, Clerk

- 1 Apologies for absence** – Cllr.s Gayle Mallows, Chris Marchant, Alan Parsley, Loveday Perceval-Maxwell

Cllr. Stephen Kimminau was absent but no apologies were received.

- 2 To receive declarations of members' interests and consider requests for dispensation**
None

Section of the meeting open to the public:

- 3 Public Participation** –
None.

End of public section of meeting

- 4 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd July 2015**
Approved unanimously

- 5 Planning** –
i) DC/15/1350/FUL Old Court Stables, Nethergate Street – Use of outbuilding as a separate dwelling – To agree a response to St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Cllr. Gryce reported having visited the site. Cllr. Godwin referred to a related previous planning application (SE/06/2443) and reported that the outbuilding has been converted previously following this planning permission granted in 2006. However there were two conditions attached to the approval: 1. – the annexe shall not be occupied other than in conjunction with, and for purposes ancillary to, the residential use of the Principal Dwelling and together they shall form a single dwelling house.

1 – the annexe shall not be sold, let or otherwise disposed of separate from the Principal dwelling. It is understood that the current application is to remove condition (1) above retrospectively as the annexe is already being let.

Cllr. Godwin recommended that the Town Council support the approval of this application but recommend that Condition (2) above be maintained to prevent the annexe being sold as a separate dwelling in the future. Agreed unanimously.

- ii) DC/15/1355/FUL – Land East of Chilton House, Chilton Street – 2no. new dwellings with garages and new access - To agree a response to St Edmundsbury Borough Council**

Cllr. Godwin recommended that the Town Council support the approval of this application because it complies with Policies DM1, 2 and 6. Cllr. Gryce voiced a concern that there may be items of archaeological interest in this area due to the Chilton Street Hamlet being much larger in the 16th Century. It was noted that an archaeology report has been submitted by the Conservation Team recommending two conditions to safeguard damage to any archaeology in the area. Cllr. Godwin recommended that the Town Council support the approval of this application. Agreed unanimously.

- iii) DC/15/1335/LB – 2 Nethergate Street – Replacement of existing timber kitchen window in side elevation with matching Upvc window - To agree a response to St Edmundsbury Borough Council**

Cllr. Godwin recommended that the Town Council object to this application because it does not comply with Policy DM15 (e). Agreed unanimously.

6 To receive a proposal to assist with the funding of an 8-page supplement in the East Anglian Daily Times (and a possible event) following the re-opening of Cavendish Road on completion of the gas mains work

Following emails from Cllr. Mary Evans confirming the offer of a reduced rate from the East Anglian Daily Times and the offer from National Grid to part-fund an 8-page supplement (following completion of the gas mains work and the re-opening of Cavendish Road), Cllr. Bishop proposed that Clare Town Council underwrite the shortfall up to £500 between the cost of the supplement and the amount offered by National Grid.

Agreed unanimously.

Cllr. Gryce proposed that a press release be produced to communicate this decision. Cllr Bishop to draft it.

Cllr. Bishop

There was some discussion regarding events to encourage people back into Clare and for the community. This will be investigated in consultation with Clare businesses.

7 To receive agenda items for next meeting

To receive a quarterly report from the Clare Castle Country Park Trustees

To receive a proposal regarding the new 4 Year Plan

To discuss the feasibility of a Neighbourhood Plan

To approve the Precept timetable

To receive an update on the S106 money from Charles Church

To consider nominations for Clare Castle Country Park Trustees

8 To confirm the date of the next meetings as Thursday 17th September 2015

Confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm