

# WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL INTERIM MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM IN WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Frank Burton, Paul Parry, Matthew Wetmore, Beryl Matthews, Geoffrey Kiddy  
APOLOGIES: Cllr. Alison Cackett, Camilla Prior, Edward Flaxman, Bill Simpson (Parish Clerk)

NOT PRESENT: Cllr Annette Dunning

ALSO, PRESENT: Cllr. Tony Goldson, 0 Member of the public.

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### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

### MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022:

Minutes of the meeting agreed and were signed as true copies.

### REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS.

None received

### REPORTS:

- a) Faulty VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) equipment received by Paul Parry, waiting decision whether to fix.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS:

DC/22/4628/FUL Halcyon Barn, Mill Road, Wissett, IP19 0JF - Convert Barn to Holiday Cottage with external Cart Barn storage.

The Parish council resolved to oppose the application to construct a holiday home and cart storage on the following grounds:

1. The application was internally incoherent

The Design and Access statement sought to develop a cottage, 3 lodges and a lake but the application sought a holiday cottage and a storage barn. The application form was confusing as at page 10 of 14 it referred to the provision of 4 bedrooms and an additional bedroom. This made no sense on the submitted plans 29601/03 which appeared to be limited to 1 bedroom. Neither the agent nor applicant attended to explain the anomalies and the application was rejected for inconsistency.

2. There was no Heritage Statement.

The document purporting to be a heritage statement was the extract form the Listed Building Register for the neighbouring house, not the separately listed barn and totally insufficient to deal with both a grade 2 Listed House and a grade 2 Listed Barn in a Conservation Area.

3. The application form appeared to be in further error in stating the site was 141 hectares.

4. It is believed the barn to be turned into a holiday cottage has old mill in it which should be investigated.

5. The site has recently been split into two, separating off the house and its barn. To divide the outbuildings now further providing additional residential accommodation does significant harm to the curtilage of two listed buildings by violating the historical and architectural unity of this important site in a conservation area. The Parish council felt that even the smallest proposal contained in the poorly drafted application (which it took to be a one-bedroom

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cottage and a separate new build cart lodge) amounted to over-development and commercialisation of the property.

### CORRESPONDENCE/CIRCULARS:

Nothing additional noted from those previously sent by the Clerk

### MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL:

A Parishioner had brought to the Council's attention that a community bus was operating from Chediston to Halesworth via Halesworth Area Community Transport and organised by Chediston Parish council with the assistance of a community grant.

Contrary to a view expressed that Wissett Parish Council had been asked by Chediston to participate in the scheme, Chediston PC have confirmed no such invitation was made to Wissett. It was agreed to ascertain what the facts were about the service and investigate whether there was any scope for Wissett to be included.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Meeting closed at 8.15pm