

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the online Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr. D. Catchpole

Councillors: Cllr. Dan. McCarthy Cllr. G. Dryhurst

Officers: Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk

Members of press and public: Three

Due to Cllr Flowers sending his apologies for tonight's meeting. Cllr Catchpole will be acting as chairman for tonight's meeting.

21/001 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Chittenden

21/002 Minutes

Please note due to Covid – 19 restrictions, there has been no face to face meetings.

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the online planning meeting on 25th January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/003 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

21/004 Public participation session

Three present.

21/005 Planning

RESOLVED that the District Council be informed of the comments as set out below the following applications:-

- (i) Application No: 21/00250/FUL
Proposal: Hip to gable roof extension and create front and rear dormers.
Location: 76 Southview Road, Hockley, Essex
No Objection
- (ii) Application No: 21/00226/FUL
Proposal: Change of use from woodland to residential garden area.
Location: Land Adjacent 191 Rectory Avenue Ashingdon SS4 3TB

Objection

To Object Vehemently this new application.

The applicant does not own the land mentioned in his submission and has never owned it; it is part of an ancient woodland.

The applicant's actions in clearing woodland, erection of fences and building without planning permission.

Neighbours' objections – Those who attended the meeting were concerned that many letters of objection sent to RDC were not visible on the Planning Portal and that they will not be taken into consideration.

Neighbours' evidence of the applicant's actions.

Complaints of inappropriate behaviour.

Destruction of dense woodland. Several hundred trees were felled, up-rooted and destroyed.

Destruction and clearance of most of what remains of the Ancient wood called "Little Kew Wood" one of two local woods which once belonged to and were on the land of Kew Palace near London. On maps in the Essex Records Office, some dating from the mid 1600s, show both this "Kew Little Wood" (now "Little Kew Wood") and "Kew Great Wood (now "Great Kew Wood". This latter wood is located in Ashingdon Parish, opposite Durham Road).

Destruction of natural wildlife habitats.

Destruction of native bluebells – *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*.

Destruction of snowdrops – *Galanthus*.

Destruction of many natural species of flora, trees, saplings, Shrubs, wild flowers, grasses, fungi, bryophyte mosses.

Development and construction of buildings on Green Belt land.

Encroachment onto land beyond the original plot boundary onto a public highway, Bridleway BR43, located within Ashingdon Parish. BR43 is a public right of way whose extent of land includes the verges, now encroached on, enclosed and taken from the Public.

Encroachment onto land beyond the original plot boundary onto a public highway, Bridleway BR43, located within the Hawkwell Parish. BR43 is a public right of way whose extent of land includes the verges, now encroached on, enclosed and taken from the public.

Encroachment onto land beyond the original woodland plot boundary onto land west of the original plot boundary located within Ashingdon Parish.

The erection of tall fences, minimum 2metres high alongside a public highway, Bridleway BR43.

21/006

Date of next meeting

The next Annual Parish Council Meeting is on 10th May 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.29pm.

Chairman's Signature

Dated