

MINUTES OF THE COVINGTON PARISH MEETING – VIRTUAL PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE (Using the current Zoom technology), held on THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm.

The committee currently consists of: Warren Brown, Peter Sewell, Fiona McCullagh-Fells, Sarah Schofield, Rex Bigger, Linda Lockhart, Simon Williams and the Parish Chairman and Clerk. The notice and invitation were sent to all members plus all residents on the email system.

Attendance: Rex Bigger, Warren Brown, Fiona McCullough-Fells. The Sub Committee meeting was quorate, Simon Luscombe (Chairman) and Shirley Mathews (Clerk) (5)

Also attending were: John Fells, Carole Ludford, Peter Ludford (Applicant), Karen Luscombe, Sophie Luscombe, Jack Luscombe (observer) and Marilyn Turrell (7)

1). Apologies for absence. Email apologies were received from Jonathan Baker, Karen Barley, Mo Brown, Michael Brown, Glyn Clark, Linda Lockhart, Michael Mathews and Peter Sewell (8)

2) Declaration of interest in matters on the Agenda
Carole and Peter Ludford declared an interest in Item 3)

3) To consider and make recommendation on TREE APPLICATION REF. 20/02126/TREE

PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION – TREE APPLICATION REF. 20/02126/TREE

T1 - Horse Chestnut, T2 - Sycamore, T3/T6 - Ash.

Reduce all marked tree by 6m, to gain clearance over the adjacent buildings and mitigate the shading on the owner's property and gardens

Woodland House Keyston Road Covington Huntingdon PE28 0RR

We have received the above application to carry out work on a Tree Preservation Order Tree(s).

Clerk's Note This does not come under any category that requires a Special General Meeting and can therefore be considered by our sub-committee.

This does not prevent any other resident making a personal representation on the matter to any sub-committee member, to me or the Chairman or directly to the Huntingdon Planning Dept.

Peter Ludford had already sent an email to the village explaining

The proposed work is as follows: Reduce three ash trees near garage by 30%, Reduce one elm tree by 30%. Thin all canopies hanging over the garage roof. Dismantle one young ash tree touching the garage roof.

Carole Ludford gave further information and explanation.

Warren Brown considered the property would be safer and the trees would benefit from this.

After a short discussion Warren Brown proposed and Rex Bigger seconded that the recommendation should be - Approval, with thanks to Carole and Peter for following the proper procedure.

This was agreed by all present. The Clerk informed the meeting that all eight email responders had also agreed with - Approval.

4) to discuss the LLA and NATS Consultation communication from the Local MP and Hunts District Council

The Clerk had circulated to all residents on the "residents email" a letter from Jonathan Djanogly MP and a notification from Huntingdon Community Services with information on the LLA and NATS joint consultation exercise on plans to make alterations to the flight paths and holding pattern arrangements for Luton Airport, "the plans include a new holding pattern for the airport which is intended to be over the south-western corner of Huntingdonshire (broadly circling round the line of the A1 from St Neots to Alconbury). The intention is that aircraft in the holding zone will be flying at a height of over 8,000 feet and the consultation document sets out a position that this will not present a nuisance, either in terms of noise or pollution."

Links to various websites were included and residents were encouraged to respond individually to the MP and the Local Authority.

John Fells and Fiona McCullough-Fells both expressed concern about the proposals and considered a "Village" response was required. Other members present were in general agreement.

It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would put a suitable response together to go to both enquiries. Members were reminded that personal responses were also sought.

Clerk Note: since the meeting I have noted all the email responders' comments. Of the eight emails, three stated they were not against the proposal, one stated they had nothing to say on the matter and the remainder did not mention the item although all had commented on the tree item.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Shirley P. Mathews O.B.E.

(Clerk)

28th November 2020