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PARISH COUNCIL**



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**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2025 at 7:00PM**

Present: Cllr Tranter, Cllr J Pitt, Cllr K Chapman, Cllr Oliver, Cllr Calver, Clerk/RFO – S Budd, and 3 members of public

Apologies: Cllr Alexander

1 Chair's welcome and to consider and approve apologies for absence

Cllr Tranter welcomed everyone to the extraordinary meeting.

2 To receive Declarations of Interest on agenda items

Cllr Tranter & Cllr Oliver - Item 5

3 To consider requests for Dispensations on agenda items

None Received

4 Planning.

No other application received other than Item 5.

5 DC/24/04462 – Ivy Lodge Farm, Back Street, Gislingham. IP23 8JH

Councillor's discussed the application and members of the public raised their concerns with the application.

The footprint is larger than the current footprint, which is detrimental to the scenery, residents feel the footprint should be kept to as is and remain the same aesthetically. It is also of the opinion that it will be a huge loss of a historic 16th-century barn and its characteristics.

The barn could be converted within the existing footprint

The proposed barn conversion is within the curtilage of the historic 16th century listed Farmhouse and is not in keeping of the surroundings buildings.

Our village sees a lot of wildlife, especially in Back Street, the hedge rows and fields provide great habitat and food sources for Grey crested, common Newts, barn owls and a plethora of other birds of prey. Recently we have seen a steady increase in otters and there are large numbers of bats present. It was felt that it would be beneficial to have a Full Ecological survey to be carried.

Back Street is 60mph single-track with limited passing places and blind junctions, previous building works taking place in Back Street resulted in lorries blocking the road while unloading building materials.

Back Street has no mains sewers, and the road is prone to flooding, residents have had issues with flooding in the last few years.

Residents also raise concerns that work has already begun on this without consent, this also was the case when planning was applied for on the Farmhouse. – Would it be possible to have an urgent site inspection to check if work has started?

After a discussion it was agreed by Cllrs with 2 abstentions.

6 War Memorial - Professional Advice Grant Application

The War Memorials Trust have awarded a grant of £600 towards the structural survey of the War Memorial. The total cost of the survey is £1200.00 + VAT

Councillor agreed to pay the additional £600 and the VAT which and instruct MNP Consulting Civil & Structural Engineers.

After a discussion it was agreed, proposed by Cllr Tranter, seconded by Cllr Chapman approved unanimously.

Date of the next meeting is **20th January 2025** at 7pm in Gislingham Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm