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**GREAT CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

held at The Stevenson Centre at 6.45pm on Monday 11th December 2023

**PRESENT** Councillors Cllr Pamela White **Chairperson** Cllr Marjorie Bark Cllr K Graham Cllr Stewart Sheridan Cllr Colin Wright

Council Manager Mrs N Tamlyn

Council Administrator Mrs S Kubat

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jane Brooker, Melanie Keane, Tom Keane and Tim Hurst.

1. **To consider Declarations of Interests and Councillor Requests for Dispensations relating to items on the Agenda**

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1. **dECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

**NONE**

1. **TO CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
2. **DC/23/05433 – The Old Rectory, Church Road, Great Cornard**

Application for works to tree subject to TPO no. BT322/G1 – Remove no. 1 Scots Pine (T1) from group of Scots Pines (G1) due to significant lean towards neighbouring property.

Recommended – **APPROVAL**

1. **DC/23/05470 – River Stour Trust Visitor Education Centre, Dove House Meadow, Great Cornard**

Application for works to tree subject to a TPO No. BT/364/A1 – proposal to reduce Hazel tree (T1) to a 1-1.2m coppice, row of trees along pathway and river bank consisting mainly of Willow, Ash, Alder, Poplar and Hawthorn (G2) – raise crown by 2-3m from ground level and re-pollard Willow tree (T3) to previous points.

Recommended – **APPROVAL. However, in relation to (G2) Members felt the proposed works were drastic as the trees did not appear to be causing any obstruction and questioned whether the works were necessary.**

1. **DC/23/05496 – High Trees, Wells Hall Road, Great Cornard**

Notification of works to trees in a conservation area and application for works to tree subject to a TPO BT6/T2 – reduce and shape Acacia tree (T1) by 10-12ft back to previous pruning area, reduce and shape Acacia tree (T2) by 15 – 18ft (approx 25%), reduce and shape Purple Prunus (T3) by 10 – 12ft and re-pollard Weeping Willow tree (T4) back to previous pruning points.

Recommended – **APPROVAL but Members questioned why the property was listed as being in a Conservation Area.**

Members also **NOTED** the following Planning Permission received from Babergh District Council which was contrary to the Parish Council’s recommendation of refusal.

**DC/23/04875 Site of Former Five Bells Inn, 63 Bures Road, Great Cornard**

Planning Application – Erection of 1no. single storey, 2 bedroom, C3 residential unit following demolition of a redundant cart lodge and shed.

**Meeting closed at 6:58pm**