

**GREAT CORNARD PARISH COUNCIL**

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

held in The Stevenson Centre at 7:00pm on Monday 24th October 2022

**PRESENT**  Councillors T K Keane **Chairman**

Mrs M Bark Mrs S Bowman

K Graham Mrs T E A Welsh

Council Manager Mrs N Tamlyn

Council Administrator Miss E Skuce

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs C J Baker and D Young. Councillor Mrs White had advised in advance that she would arrive late to the meeting.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

**NONE.**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

**NONE.**

**4. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – FOR NOTING**

Members reviewed and **NOTED** the Items Brought Forward list.

**5. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SITES FOR COMMEMORATIVE BENCHES THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE**

Members considered the suggested locations and added some more detail. The updated list of suggested locations is attached at **Appendix A**. Members were asked to consider the sites more specifically and to take photos of any preferred locations. It was also suggested that the residents of Great Cornard may like to put forward some suggested sites and it was **AGREED** for Councillor Wright to put an article in the next issue of Cornard News and for the Council Manager to arrange posters to be displayed on the Village noticeboards and on the Still Good to Eat Facebook page.

The Council Manager explained that this is a rolling project and it was hoped that the first three or four locations could be decided initially before continuing to build funds for more benches throughout the village.

**AGREED** to bring the matter back to the next Committee meeting for further discussion.

**At 7:14pm Councillor Mrs White joined the meeting.**

**6. TO CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. **DC/22/04957 – Land rear of 20 Head Lane, Great Cornard**

Full planning application: Erection of 1no. pair of semi detached dwellings, shared ancillary outbuilding and shared vehicular access.

Members noted that this was an amended application for this site following the withdrawal of DC/22/04281).

Recommended – **REFUSAL** based on the same reasons that the Parish Council submitted in relation to DC/22/04281)

**Highways issues**

* The introduction of a dropped kerb and new access point will encourage additional parking on the highway.
* Increase in traffic along an already busy road
* Insufficient parking which may result in vehicles being parked on the highway and on grass verges near to the site.
* Insufficient turning area within the development which may mean drivers having to reverse out onto the main road causing safety issues for all other road and pavement users.
* Proposed new access would be close to the junction leading to the rear of both Head Lane and Perryfield properties.
* The Parish Council notes that the resident will need permission from Suffolk County Council to gain access to the property and that no details of this have been supplied with the application.

**Miscellaneous**

* The Parish Council has a long-standing policy to object to any back land development.
* Overdevelopment of the site.
* Loss of privacy for neighbouring properties
* The Parish Council objects to the removal of any healthy trees. Members noted that in Babergh District Council’s recent Tree Canopy Survey, they had highlighted the importance of green infrastructure in urban areas.
* Resulting loss of habitat following the removal of trees

1. **DC/22/05005 – 60 Broom Street, Great Cornard**

Erection of single storey front and side extensions (following demolition of existing side extension)

Recommended – **APPROVAL**

1. **DC/22/05047 – 29 Wells Hall Road, Great Cornard**

Home gym studio currently used for personal use. Require change of use to use as a business to run one to one personal training from.

Recommended – **APPROVAL**

Members also **NOTED** two Decisions received from Babergh District Council which were contrary to the Parish Council’s recommendations.

**DC/22/04054 – The Laurels, 11 Kings Hill, Great Cornard**

Outline planning permission: (access to be considered, appearance, layout and scale to be reserved) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) – Erection of 1no. detached dwelling

**BDC granted permission contrary to the Parish Council’s recommendation to refuse.**

**DC/22/03890 – Land at Head Lane, Great Cornard**

Application to determine whether prior approval is required for a proposed 5G telecoms installation street pole with additional equipment cabinets.

**BDC determined that prior approval was NOT REQUIRED and that it falls within permitted development**

**Meeting closed at 7:24pm**

**APPENDIX A**

**List of suggested locations for commemorative benches**

Main arterial roads

* Bures Road (grass at the junction with Mulberry Gardens)
* Shawlands Avenue (inside the entrance opposite Kersey Avenue)
* Canhams Road
* Head Lane
* Newton Road (at the top – Cats Lane)
* Maldon Court leading to Cats Lane via Maldon Grey PH
* Pot Kiln Road (junction with Highbury Way where the telephone box used to be)
* Cats Lane (either side)

Other Village locations

* Green by play equipment at Maldon Court (owned by SCC/BDC)
* Village Green away from the play area – perhaps by the Village sign (owned by GCPC)
* Green on Queensway (Pot Kiln Road end) (owned by SCC/BDC)
* Green opposite the shops at Poplar Road (near bus stop) (owned by SCC/BDC)
* By the river at Dove House Meadow (in private ownership)
* Land north east of Shawlands Avenue (highest point of the Great Cornard Walk) (in private ownership)
* Green adjacent to Kings Head PH (owned by SCC/BDC)