

## BRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held at the Inchmahome, Riggle Street on Wednesday, 22 September 2009

### **Present**

Councillors D Risk (Chairman) (DR), H Saxton (HS), S Thurlow (ST), W Elson (WE) and P Summers (PS).

### **1-0910/6 – Formal Meeting Opening, Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman formally opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors. He confirmed receipt of apology for absence from Cllr. J Fielder.

The Chairman explained that this would be a short meeting intended only to consider the planning applications [below] related to Brandeston Hall School.

### **2-0910/6 - To Receive Councillors’ Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3-0910/6 – Planning**

The Council considered three planning applications – all in respect of Brandeston Hall School :-

1. C09/1290 Replacement Pool Enclosure and Changing Rooms. The Council commented as follows :-
  - a) The application plan shows contained within the red line the highways access point only. We believe it is the case that the applicant operates a “one way” system using a separate entrance and exit to the site and we therefore ask that the application plan be amended to show both points of entrance/exit onto the public highway.
  - b) The members of the Parish Council are happy to support the application subject to a change in the external appearance of the proposed building. Views of the school are obtained from a well used footpath and bridleway to the south and we feel strongly that use of traditional red brick for the external elevations would be more appropriate and in keeping with the overall appearance of the school when viewed across the Deben Valley.
2. C09/1291 Conversion of Changing Rooms and Extention to Form Music & Drama Facility. The Council commented as follows :-
  - a) The application plan shows contained within the red line the highways access point only. We believe it is the case that the applicant operates a “one way” system using a separate entrance and exit to the site and we therefore ask that the application plan be amended to show both points of entrance/exit onto the public highway.
  - b) The Parish Council members are happy to support the application subject to a condition requiring prior approval of building materials. The members feel strongly that the stained weather boarding should not be finished black in colour as this is not a traditional timber frame barn and would be out of context within a school environment. As part of the planning consultation process, please could you consult with the applicant on this point and we would be grateful if you could let us know their preferred colour for the stained weather boarding prior to committee/officer delegated decision.
  - c) Paragraph 16 of the application states that there are no trees or hedges within the development site. Drawing number 08.119/11 clearly shows the removal of a tree currently sited within the footprint of the proposed Performance Hall and removal of part of a conifer hedge in order to facilitate access to the existing parking area. Please could you consider with the applicant whether the replacement of a tree or trees would be appropriate as part of a landscaping condition.

3. C09/1292 Proposed Inflatable Structure to Accommodate 2 Indoor Tennis Courts. The Council commented as follows :-
- a) The application plan shows contained within the red line the highways access point only. We believe it is the case that the applicant operates a "one way" system using a separate entrance and exit to the site and we therefore ask that the application plan be amended to show both points of entrance/exit onto the public highway.
  - b) The members of the Parish Council are concerned that the proposed structure could appear unsightly.
  - c) The members of the Parish Council feel that the trees immediately to the west of the proposed structure are an important visual screen and that a plan should be prepared by the applicant and agreed with the District Council safeguarding these trees both during the period of construction and thereafter during continued use of the proposed building.
  - d) The members of the Parish Council are most concerned about the appearance of the inflatable structure if it were allowed to become "shabby" in future years. Please could you consider with the applicant the appropriateness of granting a temporary consent for the siting of the proposed inflatable structure for a period of 10 years.
  - e) Concerns have been raised by the village (and highlighted within the Brandeston Village Parish Plan) with regards light pollution from the existing tennis courts. Please could you require that the applicant submit a lighting design to demonstrate that the use of this facility will not result in light pollution.

PS agreed to prepare a suitable letter for SCDC to express these views and The Chairman agreed to forward this to SCDC.

There were no other planning matters to consider.

**4-0910/6- Date of Next Meeting**

Date of the next meeting was confirmed as 14 October 2009 at 8.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm