

**LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.30 pm by Zoom.**

Present: Cllrs. Wally Binder, Stephen Wright, Linda Keen, John Latham.  
County and District Councillor John Field  
Clerk to the Council – Janet Gobey  
Two members of the public.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7.31 pm with a welcome to all those attending the Council's first Zoom Meeting.

1. To receive and approve any apologies for absence.  
No apologies were received.

2. Declarations of any pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.  
a. Councillors declaration of interest appropriate to any item on the Agenda.  
Cllr. Latham declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 4a.  
b. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interest (if any)  
None.  
c. To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.  
None.

3. Public Forum  
To receive any comments from members of the public on Agenda item 4a and 4b only.  
None.

4. To consider the following planning applications:  
a. Application no. DC/20/01898  
Location: Cottage Farm Somersham Road Little Blakenham Ipswich Suffolk IP8 4LZ  
Proposal: Planning Application - Change of use and conversion of two agricultural barns to B1 studios.  
Councillors voted unanimously that they had no objection to this proposal. However, they noted that there could be possible problems caused by extra traffic through the Beeches and welcomed the applicant's intention to let the units out gradually so that traffic flows could be monitored.

b. Application no. DC/20/01175  
Location: Land Adj Port One Business and Logistics Park Blackacre Hill Bramford Road Great Blakenham Suffolk IP6 0RL.  
Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission. (Access to be considered) Extension to Port One Business and Logistics Park (as permitted under ref. 2351/16 and varied by ref. 1755/17), together with associated works, including drainage lagoons, ecology mitigation and landscaping.  
Councillors agreed that there were serious concerns about this application, including: Possible spread of industrial use along the B1113.  
Removal of a large number of established trees.

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This extension would mean that Port One would become a major business park, with a resulting increase in traffic coming off the Claydon roundabout and on to the B1113 via roads that are already overloaded. The entrance would be virtually opposite the Suez plant, adding to the traffic problems on that stretch of the road with the enormous number of lorries that would be visiting the site. Access arrangements need to be thoroughly reviewed.

Councillors had very serious reservations about the height of the units, especially as they would be situated on an upward slope, and felt that the application lacked sufficient detail to understand the impact on the view from The Common and on the wider area. Councillors noted that there were no elevation drawings showing the scale of the buildings against the hillside and unanimously agreed that these should be provided before the application could be fully considered. Councillors also noted that there seemed to be no height restrictions similar to those on the Sterling Suffolk greenhouses being applied to this application and queried why this application was being treated differently. Councillors agreed that the planned replacement tree planting would be completely inadequate for screening of the buildings. After some discussion, Councillors voted unanimously to object to the application in its current form.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.33pm, with thanks to all those who have participated in the Meeting.

Signed as a true and correct record of the Meeting.



Wally Binder  
Chairman - Little Blakenham Parish Council  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020