

## LITTLE BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Extraordinary** Parish Council meeting held at the Village Hall on  
**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm.**

### **Present:**

Councillors: W Binder (Chairman)  
S Wright  
B Palmer

In Attendance J Blackburn – Clerk

### **LB01/22/23 – TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Keen and approved.

### **LB02/22/23 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None had been received.

### **LB03/22/23 – APLOCATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been received.

### **LB04/22/23 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**DC/22/01243** - Full Planning Application - Cross Boundary Application. Creation of a Solar Energy Farm with a solar array together with supporting infrastructure which includes a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated grid infrastructure and access tracks. (EIA Development) - Land South Of Tye Lane, Bramford (Part in the Parishes of Flowton and Burstall)

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**DC/22/00683** - Full Planning Application - Cross Boundary Application. Creation of a Solar Energy Farm with a solar array together with supporting infrastructure which includes a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and associated grid infrastructure and access tracks. (EIA Development) - Land South Of Tye Lane, Bramford (Part in the Parishes of Flowton and Burstall)

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**DC/22/01800** - Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to Dwelling houses (C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for conversion. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q - Convert 3no. barns into 5no. residential dwellings - Elm Farm, Somersham Road, Little Blakenham

Members stated that whilst the Parish Council was not against the previous application for the site, they felt the application detracted from the initial one submitted.

They also felt the access would be hindered due to the amended plans with the entrance being placed on a bend and the development would be out of character for the area and would be over-development of the site.

**LB5/22/23 – FINANCE**

a) **EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT FOR 2020/21**

The Clerk had circulated the External Auditor's report for the 2020/21 audit prior to the meeting.

She went through the points raised in the report with Members and stated that due to the lateness of the audit being submitted, the Parish Council would have to be externally audited again for 2021/22.

The meeting finished at 7.55pm.

Chairman: ..... Dated: .....