

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held in the Guildhall, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 6.00 pm.

**Present** Mr C Reeve, Chairman. Mr P Gibson, Vice Chairman.  
Mrs J Baker, Ms E Paris, Ms N Smith, Mr A Searle, Mr J O'Mahony.  
2 members of the public.

**Public Forum**

Mrs Cumming of 27 Church Street briefly outlined her concerns and objections in respect of the planning application (DC/17/02514) for the building of an extension, and other works, at 25 Church Street. A letter of objection has already been forwarded to the District Council.

**Apologies** had been received from Mrs Twitchett, Mr Panton and Mr Sheppard.

**Declarations of Interest** - none

**Approve Annual Governance Statement - Section 1**

Mr Corney had completed the internal audit and his letter outlining the internal controls which had been reviewed had been circulated to all members of the Council. The Councillors agreed with all the points raised in the letter and the suggestions made would be actioned.

It was proposed by Ms Smith, seconded by Ms Paris, that the Parish Council approves the Annual Governance Statement as presented. Carried.

**Approve Statement of Accounts - Section 2**

Proposed by Ms Smith, seconded by Ms Paris, the Parish Council approves the Statement of Accounts. Carried.

Both Sections were signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk/RFO, and will be published and displayed on the Parish Council website, together with information in respect of the period for the Exercise of Public Rights which will run from 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**Planning Applications Received:**

DC/17/02338 - Well House, Bolton Street, Lavenham, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 9RG  
Householder Application - Installation of soil pipe to front elevation and the erection of railway sleepers to conceal the same soil pipe.

Prop. Mrs Baker, sec. Mr O'Mahony, recommend refusal. Carried.

It is considered that the protection provided by routing the drain through the flower bed adjacent to Bolton Street is potentially dangerous and that the wooden wall supporting the flower bed is inappropriate in an area dominated by brickwork. The correct solution for dealing with this drain is to take the foul water directly to the adjacent sewer in the road.

DC/17/02514 - 25 Church Street, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 9QT

Householder - Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation and annex, following demolition of existing garage and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof on existing two storey rear extension.

Prop. Ms Smith, sec. Mr Searle, recommend refusal. Carried.

The proposal is overdevelopment of the site and fails to preserve the setting of the adjacent

Grade II dwelling 27 Church Street and is detrimental to the local street scene in the Lavenham Designated Conservation Area.

It is considered the proposal does not conform with the following Saved Policies in the Babergh Local Plan Alteration No 2 (2006):

CN01 All new development proposals will be required to be of appropriate scale, form, detailed design and construction materials for the location.

CN06 Requires that any works within the setting of a listed building should respect those features which contribute positively to the setting of the building including space, views from and to the building and the historic layout.

CN08 Proposals for the alteration or extension of an existing building in a Conservation Area should preserve or enhance the character of the Conservation Area or its setting and be of an appropriate scale, form and detailed design to harmonise with its setting.

In addition the proposal does not conform with Policy D1- Design and Character of the adopted Lavenham Neighbourhood Development Plan which requires that all development proposals will be expected to preserve and enhance Lavenham's distinctive character and be sympathetic to the setting of any individual heritage asset.

The planning group, meeting earlier in the evening, had considered an application for 18 Shilling Street (B/17/01154 & B/17/01155) for erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing). The group considered that attendance at a site meeting would help to inform a decision, Mr Gibson will set this up before the meeting next Thursday when the full Council meeting will consider a recommendation to the District Council.

The meeting closed at 6.35 pm.