

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015.**

- Present:** Cllrs John West (Chairman), Clive Robinson, Ros Alexander, Michael Harrison and Christabel Carr. Catherine Hibbert (Clerk).  
One member of the public.
- Apologies:** Cllrs Jayne Robertson and Henry Brewis.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and the Chairman read out a short statement confirming that filming/recording of the meeting would be permitted in line with recent legislative changes.

*The meeting recessed for Public Forum.*

The following matters were raised during Public Forum:-  
Proposed tree works at the Spinney – the tree warden commented on the impact of the proposals on the appearance of the Spinney and the omission of any requirement to replant.

*The meeting reconvened at 7.40pm.*

**1. APOLOGIES.**

Noted.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None.

**3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

**3.1 Amended planning consultation DC/14/2046/TPO for various tree works at the Spinney, Bury Road, Hawstead Suffolk.**

It was noted that this application had been considered previously on 20 November 2014 and the Council had voted by a majority to support the application; this was not a new application/ different proposal; the description of works had been amended at the request of the planning officer to provide more detail about the proposed works. The meeting considered the amended description of works in detail including the following issues; (i) the lack of ecological survey accompanying this application (as regards ground flora and protected species) and whether there was a need for this; (ii) the visual appearance of the Spinney and the need to protect this; (iii) the rationale for removing all elms; (iv) the reasonableness of the works proposed and the specialist advice supporting the application; (v) the purpose of the application. On a majority vote (three in favour; two against) the Council resolved to support the amended proposals. The proposed response to St Eds to note that (a) one Councillor repeated concerns made previously that the application had insufficient information on ground flora and protected species to enable an informed appraisal of the application and that an ecological survey should be required before the application is determined; (b) two Councillors requested that there should be some requirement for replanting; and (c) one Councillor was concerned that there was no justification given for the removal of the elms.

**4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**19th March 2015 7.30pm.**

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It was noted that a closed session would follow the meeting. There being no further open business, the Chairman thanked Councillors and members of the public for attending.

*The meeting closed at 8.05pm*

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