

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING  
ON 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs J West (Chairman), R Alexander (*in part*), C Carr, H Brewis, P Barham, P Baker and G Rushen. C Hibbert (Clerk).  
C Cllr K Soons.

**Apologies.** None.

The meeting was held remotely due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The filming statement was taken as read.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Noted.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

**2.1 Public participation.**

No matters were raised.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**3.1** No declarations of interest were received;

**3.2** No dispensations were granted in relation to any identified pecuniary interests.

**4. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020.**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were **APPROVED** and will be signed as a true and accurate record.

*RA joined the meeting at 7.45pm*

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, APPEALS AND NOTIFICATIONS**

**5.1 DC/20/1459/VAR Proposal Planning Application - Variation of condition 5 of DC/20/1032/FUL to extend the opening hours to be Monday to Saturday 7am to 10.30pm and Sundays 9am to 8pm at Metcalf Arms Lawshall Road Hawstead IP29 5NR**

It was noted that this application relates to the proposed new gym building to the rear of the former pub; it was reported that the applicants have given assurances to the nearest neighbours that the building will only be used from time to time at these extended hours when a member of staff is on site to monitor noise/ nuisance. This had allayed their concerns. Discussion followed which covered; (i) concern that the proposed alteration to the hours of operation might enable nuisance noise at night from gym users/customers of the holiday pods in the event that current business plans change/ the property changes hands; (ii) the need for the owners to be able to use the new building in a way which complements their business; (iii) the fact that the building the subject of the application has not yet been built, so the impacts generated by its use are untested to date. The Council expressed reservations about supporting a permanent variation to the hours of operation prematurely; it concluded that it would support the requested variation for a temporary period only, of say 12 months from the date of completion of the building. This would allow time for a proper assessment to be made of the impact of the variation on the neighbouring property before any permanent variation is sought/granted. If a temporary variation cannot be offered by the planning authority, then the Council requests that consideration is given to making the condition regulating hours of operation personal to the applicant on the basis that assurances have been given to the neighbours as to the way in which the property will be operated during the proposed extended hours.

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm.

**7. AOB** The Council agreed to (i) commit up to £100 towards emergency community supplies as part of its emergency plan, should this prove necessary; and (ii) register its interest in the rural charging point scheme referred to in SC Cllr Soons' October report.

*The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.*

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