

**HAWSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL REMOTE MEETING  
ON 3rd DECEMBER 2020 at 7.30pm.**

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

**Apologies:** n/a

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Noted.

**2. PUBLIC FORUM**

No matters were raised.

*RA joined the meeting.*

**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 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020.**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were **APPROVED** and will be signed as a true and accurate record.

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

**5.1. To consider DC/20/1913/HH: Planning application - detached garage (following demolition of existing garage) at 19 Whepstead Road Hawstead IP29 5NS**

The meeting heard that this is a retrospective application for a new garage which has been built to replace the previous garage (now demolished); the building is now largely complete and the application has been submitted following intervention by the planning enforcement officers at West Suffolk Council as the structure falls beyond the scope of legally permitted development. The following matters were raised in discussion: (i) the principle of a garage at this site was broadly acceptable; however the size of this structure in relation to the house was problematic and raised concerns about whether the structure might be put to commercial use in the future; (ii) The forward position of the structure in relation to both the house and the building line of neighbouring property was out of keeping with the street scene; (iii) it was unfortunate that the Council is now being asked to comment on this development retrospectively, after the structure has already been built as it appreciated the serious consequences which could follow if planning permission is refused; (iv) a query as to whether building regulations had been complied with. On balance, the Council agreed by majority 6:1 to **OBJECT** to the planning application on the grounds of scale and location of the structure. It was unanimously further **AGREED** that; (1) if minded to grant permission, WSC should be invited to impose a condition restricting use of this structure to use ancillary to the residence only in order to preclude stand-alone commercial use; and (2) the applicants should be encouraged to work with the WSC planning officers to agree a mutually acceptable solution for this development.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm.

*The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.*

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