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MINUTES

Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 22nd February 2021 at 7.30pm

Held remotely via Zoom

1. **Present:** Mr Hindle (Chair), Mr Collings, Mrs Shaw and Mr Rush.
Apologies for absence: Mr Hill
2. **Councillors' declarations of interest:** None
3. Minutes of the meeting of 2nd February 2021 were confirmed as a true record.
4. **ESC decisions received since the meeting of 2nd February 2021:**
 - a. DC/21/0028/FUL **Greenacres Ashbocking Road** Not supported. Application withdrawn.
The applicant had been sent a copy of the details of the PC response via the draft minutes. Concerns were raised again about the condition of the site. It was agreed to keep the site under review.
5. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
 - a) Application: DC/21/0240/FUL **Cockfield Hall Lane Witnessham** Excavate two number small wildlife ponds as part of District Level Licencing provision. Chair gave an overview of the locations of the ponds. It was questioned how the application could have been validated given the incorrect site addresses and co-ordinates. Of the two locations, Venns Farm and Low Farm, Venns Farm is within Westerfield Parish. Westerfield PC should be consulted.
It was agreed to support the application and to draw the attention of ESC to the confusion caused by the incorrect information supplied on the Application and the casting of doubt on the validation process, Decision: Supported.
6. **Homelands House Vehicles Parked Onsite – update**

It was suspected that vehicles were still parked on the site. It appeared that ESC were taking a relaxed attitude as no action was apparent so far. It was agreed that pending further feedback from Tony Fryatt, Clerk would keep up the pressure and seek an update from ESC Planning Enforcement.
7. **To consider possible solutions for future paperless planning meetings.**

Clerk reported that a possible suitable portable projector and carry case had been located for a cost of around £105. Optional screen was around an additional £25, depending on type. The Committee were happy with the rough price of around £105 with the screen being an option to be considered later if required. Clerk would advise Finance Committee.

8. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Planning Committee -


The Committee re-affirmed that an agenda item should be added for a presentation by a member of the ESC Planning Policy Team, about Neighbourhood Plans at the next full council meeting on 17th March. This item was to be informative only and not an item to debate/decide any Neighbourhood Plan.

Chair reported that he would check the dates and attend if possible, the ESC Planning Forum (online) in March.

Mrs Shaw had some photos of the Greenacres site and would forward them to the Clerk.

Meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Shaw', written in a cursive style.