

## HEMINGFORD GREY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Hemingford Grey Parish Council's Extra-Ordinary Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 31 January 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room

**Present:** Cllrs: Robin Waters (Chairman) Janice Flint  
Sue Duma Tony Jackson  
Riva Elliott Sarah Jakes

**In attendance:** 10 members of the public and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

In the absence of the Planning Committee Chairman, Cllr Jackson, the Vice-Chairman declared a personal interest in item 5.1.1 as he knew the neighbours, and requested that another member chair the meeting in his stead. It was agreed that Cllr Waters should act as Chairman for this meeting.

#### **Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors**

A resident requested that the planning history of 38 Marsh Lane and the adjoining applications be discussed when considering item 5.1.3. Cllr Waters explained that the Council had no knowledge of this.

The applicant for 1 St James Court spoke to the revised application and apologised for the concerns caused by the previous application and the queries regarding the boundaries which was due to an error and the previous submission had since been withdrawn.

Residents expressed appreciation that the application had been amended, but expressed concerns at overdevelopment of the site, the proximity to the boundary line, the impact of the proposal on their property and the character of the courtyard would change considerably.

Concerns about the application for 9 Weir Road were expressed in particular the direct impact on their rear garden and their enjoyment of the garden and also concerns about security during the development work. The applicant responded to their concerns.

A resident expressed concerns that the area of 38 Marsh Lane had increased considerably and queried the size of the footprint.

#### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Meredith (out of parish), Puttick (prior commitment), and Allen (unwell).

#### **2. Declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**

Cllr Jackson declared a personal interest in the application for 1 St James Court as he knew the neighbours.

#### **3. To consider planning applications, decision notices and tree works applications or pre-application approaches**

##### **3.1 Planning applications**

##### **3.1.1 21/02833/HHFUL – 1 St James Court, High Street – Demolition of existing single storey structure. Construction of single storey rear and side extension and first floor side extension with car port below.**

The site visit had been conducted by Cllrs Waters and Duma.

Cllr Waters read out an email from another resident of St James Court detailing their objections to the applications.

RESOLVED to object to the application and recommend refusal. The Parish Council reiterates its previous comments regarding the overbearing nature of the two storey

extension, especially its impact on 37a High Street, and the overdevelopment of the site. (Prop SD, 2nd RW, carried with 5 in favour and 1 abstention)

- 3.1.2 21/02866/HHFUL – 9 Weir Road – Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and garage to construct single storey rear extension. Construction of full length dormer to right elevation and large roof light to left elevation. Black vertical timber cladding to front elevation and off white render to the rest of existing and proposed elevations.

The site visit was conducted by Cllrs Flint and Waters.

RESOLVED to support the application in principle, but the Parish Council would like to see some discussion and agreement regarding the width of the gap between the building and the boundary of no 11. The Parish Council suggests the applicant should discuss the gap with the neighbours. The Council is pleased to see three spaces for parking rather than the one space previously there, due to congestion in the road. (Prop JF, 2nd RW, unanimous)

- 3.1.3 22/00003/FUL – 38 Marsh Lane – Demolition of existing three bedroom dormer bungalow and construction of a replacement three bedroom dwelling and one bedroom garden annexe

The site visit was conducted by Cllrs Jackson and Elliott.

RESOLVED to object to the application, reiterating the Parish Council's comments made in July 2021, with the addition of comments that there are no plans for parking or for landscaping, (Prop TJ, 2nd SJ, unanimous)

4. **Closure of meeting**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)