

Copdock & Washbrook Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting
held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 at Copdock village hall – 7.30pm.

Present: DC Dave Busby, Cllr Laura Butters, Cllr Simon Downey (joined at 2020hrs), CC Christopher Hudson, Cllr Adrian Ward, Cllr Mike Watling (Vice Chair), 3x residents.

2213/2223 Chairman's Welcome & Apologies: Vice Chair Mike Watling chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair, he welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies: Cllr Keith Armes, Cllr Louise Carman, Cllr James Mellis, Clerk. Apologies accepted.

2214/2223 Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests: Cllr Watling – C&W Tennis club; Cllr Ward – treasurer Copdock village hall.

2215/2223 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests: None.

2216/2223 Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 2022, could not be agreed, add to October agenda.

2217/2223 Clerk's Report including Matters Arising

No report.

2218/2223 Adjournment:

County Councillor Chris Hudson:

SCC Councillor from Cllr Hudson has had a discussion with Rob Hancock/ SCC re the housing that was refused on the land adjacent to the Marvens.

Confirmation was given by Cllr Hudson that SCC have withdrawn their planning application for LA008. The Parish Council confirmed that they have not received official notification of this. The present application will be deferred until September 2023.

The ask of Cllr Hudson was that he passes back to SCC highways that the PC plan to continue fundraising for the road adaptations to the Old A12.

Action: CC Chris Hudson

District Councillor Dave Busby:

Babergh DC now have an aerial view of all trees in the district. It is not very well endowed with trees; Babergh are looking to increase the number of trees. Do the PC have any proposals for where trees could be planted in the village?

Residents survey about to take place – please be kind.

Information event at Endeavour House – if you want to become a District Councillor.

A point of contact has been established at the hotel for the guests which has been shared with the Clerk.

Residents:

Resident asked of any oil buying schemes – currently many rural schemes are paused due to the fluctuations in pricing.

Cllr Butters confirmed that previous schemes have ceased, SCC & BDC are reviewing this again.

Resident – the amount of litter is increasing daily – 4 bags were collected in one day.

ACTION – Cllr Butters will feed back to the hotel.

An ask of the PC to arrange a litter pick in the Autumn.

ACTION: Cllr Mellish

Meeting reconvened.

2219/2223 Planning Applications:

Appendix A

DC/22/04020

Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of a three-storey warehouse/office building (following demolition of existing building) (re-submission and amended scheme to withdrawn application DC/22/00998)

Location: Annexe, Copdock House, Old London Road, Copdock And Washbrook Ipswich Suffolk

Deadline: 8th September 2022 (extended)

Comments:

The Parish Council have no objection providing the following points are taken into account.

Current storage area. The development will improve current appearance.

Ecology suggestion. Site specific survey data is not available except for a desk top study.

The application includes bat mitigation. The desk study via 'place services' concluded that there are two designated sites located within 1km of the site. This includes Brockley Wood Country Wildlife Site (CWS) located approximately 0.5km south-west of the site and Old Hall Wood CWS located approximately 0.85km south-west of the site. It is suggested that

prior to building demolition, a bat observation survey is carried out to ensure bats are not present within the buildings. Should bats be present, an ecological watching brief should be implemented as per the survey recommendations. Suffolk County Council recognise the need to improve road safety along Old London Road dual carriageway. As a result, they have developed a two-stage road improvement scheme along the entire highway, this consists of lowering the speed limit from 50 to 40 mph, reduction to a single carriageway and installation of a cycle lane. If this application is approved, a portion of a levy should contribute to the road improvement scheme, or improvements should be made at the access egress point, to improve road safety and to prevent commercial vehicles from performing u-turns on the highway adjacent to the application site.

Highways - condition: Before the access is first used, vehicular visibility splays shall be provided as Suffolk County Councils Highways recommendations. The Parish Council further proposes an additional requirement that the works to the highways are carried out before the new construction works on site commence.

Water discharge and drainage. There is insufficient information submitted with the application to allow consideration for utility point of connection, a discharge regime (pumped or gravity), or discharge rate. The applicant will need to submit to you a drainage strategy which includes this information.

DC/22/03726

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear and side extensions.

Location: 11 Charlottes, Copdock And Washbrook, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 3HZ

Deadline: 8th Sept 2022 (extended)

The Parish Council have no objection.

DC/22/03880

Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of agricultural store and workshop building.

Location: Land South Of Tudor Cottage, Elm Lane, Copdock And Washbrook, IP8 3ET

Deadline: 13th September 2022.

The Parish Council recommend approval.

DC/22/04201

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of single storey rear and side extension.

Location: Holly View, Old London Road, Copdock And Washbrook, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JF

Deadline: 13th September 2022

The Parish Council have no objection. Condition -w ith loss of existing garage, ensure sufficient off-street parking is available and ensure no overspill on to Old London Road highway verge.

Action: Clerk

Appendix B

Planning Applications determined by Babergh DC

DC/22/02687

Proposal & Location of Development - Erection of 9 No. bungalows with associated garages and parking, alterations to the existing access

Land Adjacent To White House, Old London Road, Copdock And Washbrook, Ipswich Suffolk

IP8 3JH

Refused.

Application for a Non Material Amendment relating to **DC/22/00955** - Alteration of the front entrance canopy, change of roof form to rear from hip to gable, the addition of a ground floor door and first-floor window (front and rear) between the parts of the building, removal of existing and proposed chimneys

Location: Springcroft Cottage, Whights Corner, Copdock And Washbrook, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3LB

Approved.

DC/22/03155

Proposal & Location of Development:

Application under S73 for Removal or Variation of a Condition following grant of Planning Permission B/11/00063 dated 15.09.2011. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - To remove Conditions 5 and 6 (Permitted Development Rights)

Maycroft, Old London Road, Copdock And Washbrook, Ipswich Suffolk IP8 3JF

Refused.

2220/2223 Financial Matters & RFO Report

- a) payments for approval - approved as per payments list in accounting reports, Cllrs Downey & Watling to authorise payments. Cllr Ward questioned the grass cutting invoice, the governance around the expenditure, and disagreed with the payment being made. Cllr Ward will send questions to the Clerk for a response at the next meeting. **Action: Cllrs Downey & Watling, Clerk**
- b) Cllr Mike Watling checked and signed Scribe reports, approved by Council.

- c) Achilles YFC – an updated licence was proposed, and a copy distributed to Councillors before the meeting. The licence could not be agreed and was deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Butters felt the hire costs should not be increased unless necessary as ultimately the end user, families, would be impacted, defer to next meeting. Cllr Ward requested regular meetings take place with stakeholders of the site, add to next agenda. **Action: Clerk**
Temporary car parking surface being explored on the recreation playing field, add to next agenda. **Action: Cllr Watling**

Scribe accounting reports for the month distributed – payments list, cash book, bank reconciliation, copy of bank statements to month end, see 2220/2223 b) above.

2221/2223 Suffolk Refugee Assn

- a) Update from Cllr Butters - ongoing dialogue with the contact at Cromwell. Seeking to establish funding for basketball hoop, consoles and outside equipment. Martin Taylor has marked out a pitch with blue corners to indicate which pitch is available for their everyday use. Usage will be monitored and changed if bad weather permits

2222/2223 C&W Bowls Club lease & Deed of Easement

Cllr Louise Carman was not present at the meeting. Cllr Ward challenged why this has taken so long and requested an update on both documents from Cllr Carman at the next meeting. **Action: Cllr Carman**

2223/2223 Play area – Fen View

- a) Cllr Watling gave an update – a meeting arranged for 15 September with Babergh grants team, 106, CIL and Capital funding can be accessed that can be applied for to fund the play equipment and potentially car parking area. **Action: Cllrs Watling**
b) bench at the village hall play area damaged and taken down. Clerk to obtain quote for new bench and concrete slab for seat to be secured to. **Action: Clerk**

2224/2223 Trees, Hedgerows and Wildflower Scheme 2022

Consider locations – deferred to next meeting.

Action: Cllr Mellish

2225/2223 Communications

- a) Website – Cllrs Downey & Butters to progress the website. **Action: Cllrs Downey & Butters**
b) Facebook
c) Live streaming of meetings – could not be agreed, defer to next meeting.
d) In Touch magazine – it was noted there was no submission in the last magazine

2226/2223 Infrastructure Developments

- a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Butters reported no further update, awaiting the updated plan.
b) Infrastructure Plan/ Pye Road cycleway – no further update. **Action: Cllrs Mellish & Downey**
c) Old London Rd – no update, Cllr Mellish not present at meeting. **Action: Cllr Mellish**

2227/2223 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

- Cllr Ward reported dog waste and litter bins overflowing, asking who is responsible, the frequency and for them to be contacted. The impact of the hotel guests is that the bins are being filled more frequently. **Action: Clerk**
- Cllr Ward asked that Clerk notify the police of unsafe parked cars at the bottom of the village. A link was shared with the suggestion that individuals also report online. Cllr Watling to take this up with his contact with the Police. **ACTION: Cllr Watling / Clerk**
- PC had contact with a resident of Pearsons Way regarding cutting back of a tree in the Mill Lane play area. Tree warden to inspect. **Action: Clerk**
- Date for next litter pick. **Action: Cllr Mellish**

Items for next agenda:

August minutes to be agreed

Achilles YFC licence and hire fees

Consider regular meetings with Achilles & stakeholders of site

C&W Bowls club lease and Deed of Easement

Play areas – Fen View grants, V hall bench and slab foundation

Temp car park surface recreation field

Road plan Old London Rd

Trees, Hedgerow & Wildflower Scheme

Live streaming review

Tree cutting Mill Lane play area

Meeting closed at 2130hrs.

Next meeting – Tuesday 4 October 2022, Copdock cricket pavilion, 7.30pm.

Village website - <https://copdockandwashbrook.org/>