

Pakenham Parish Council
Minutes of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council
held on Monday, 19th December 2022 at 3pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Painter, Cllr Dorling, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Sidebotham and Cllr Palfrey
Three Members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Record Councillors' apologies for absence:** *Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Davey.*
2. **Declarations of interest:** *No declarations of interest given.*
3. **Public Forum:** *The members of the public in attendance gave their views on the planning application in item 5i which included: The owner of Elmwood which owns the driveway referred to in the application has not received any notification from the applicant. The owner of Elmwood does not oppose the building of two houses but would ask that any changes to the drive are completed before building works are started with this made a condition. The driveway is currently 3m wide and needs to be 4.5m plus a bin area. It was confirmed the applicant does not own either of the banks of the driveway. The bank abutting the Dell (owned by the Parish Council) is within the conservation area. There had been no indication of where the soak away is to be installed. This is a retrospective application in effect as the foundations are already in place. The planning officer has failed to identify the irregularities. Access to the driveway and visibility splays were briefly discussed. The resident of Elmwood had given verbal agreement to the applicant to cut back 30cm off their bank however far more had been removed with no permission given. The drain in the middle of the driveway had been smashed because of JCB's being driven on the driveway. It was advised hedging on the site had already been destroyed.*
4. **To consider the approval of the minutes of the last meetings:** *The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2022 were approved to be signed as a true record.*
5. **Planning application for comment:**
 - i. **Application DC/22/1803/VAR The Dell, The Street – Re-Consultation in respect of a planning proposal – variation of condition two of DC/22/0904/VAR to include amended plans received 01 November 2022:** *The Clerk read out the response received from the Planning Officer. Council discussed with the Chair advising that the Parish Council are neutral in planning applications with the need to inform the Planning Authority of the facts as known by the Parish Council to allow them to be considered before making decisions. Cllr Dorling proposed the boundary with the Dell, owned by the Parish Council, should be marked out to ensure no further damage is done all in agreement. Cllr Dorling to organise, with a resident volunteering to help and to liaise with the owner of Elmwood. It was highlighted the application form completed, dated 8 December 2022, by the applicant the Certificate B has been ticked confirming the*

owner of Elmwood has received the notice however the owner of Elmwood has stated they had not received notification as of 18 December 2022.

Cllr Sidebotham proposed the Chair to write a more detailed letter to the planning officer in relation to this application seconded by Cllr Sargent all in agreement.

The Chair proposed the following initial comment to be sent to the planning authority: The Parish Council refer to the planning application which we find difficult to comment on at the present time and we feel we must object because there are a number of irregularities on the application. The Parish Council will write a further detailed letter to you in response to your previous email dated 13 December 2022. We have looked at the present amendment which although no dimensions given, we feel is acceptable subject to the comments in the letter which we will send in the next few days. We would highlight the new building, plot 2, is in fact at least 3 bedrooms (4 if including the 'study' which will probably be used as a further bedroom). However, there appears only 2 car parking spaces on the plan where there should be car parking for 3 vehicles. Bearing in mind the dispute over the drive this should be rectified. All in agreement to make the above comment.

- 6. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:** Consultation SCC/0106/22/DOR Discharge of Requirement 25 for Sizewell C had been circulated to Councillors and was noted.
- 7. Date of next meeting:** The date of the next scheduled meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 18th January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 4.10pm

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