

BUXHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the full Council meeting held on Thursday 18 August 2022 in Buxhall Village Hall

Councillors Present: David Steed (DS) (Chairman), Malcolm Manning (MM), Les Basham (LB), Chris Hall (CH) and Michael Drury (MD)).

In Attendance : Tina Newell (TN) (Clerk), and two members of the public.

180822/01 **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Scott Martin (SM) offered apologies prior to the meeting.

180822/02 All Councillors resolved to accept apologies for absence from SM.

180822/03 County Councillor Penny Otton (PO) offered apologies.

180822/04 **Declarations of Interest:** None to consider.

180822/05 **Dispensation considerations:** There were no requests for dispensations to consider.

Public Forum:

180822/06 A member of public spoke against planning application DC/22/03851 being discussed later in the meeting.

Planning:

180822/07 **Councillors considered the following planning applications relating to**

Buxhall: DC/22/03851 Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a building for Forestry or Agricultural Use. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 6 - Erection of building for storage of machinery and equipment.

Location : Land South of Mill Road Buxhall Suffolk

After discussion CH proposed to REFUSE this application seconded by MM supported by MD. LB voted against this proposal. With the majority in favour is was agreed to request REFUSAL with the following comments:

Signed: *David Steed*

Dated: *12 September 2022* 1

- There have been four previous applications on this site all of which have been refused: DC/19/05761, DC/19/03352, DC/18/05321 and DC/22/03346 the latter being for a barn similar to this application.
- The field on which the application relates is not linked to any farm and is under private ownership.
- There is no evidence to support the proposal will be used for housing agricultural machinery, tools and equipment; there is no evidence the owners are farmers; the current contractor does not store any agricultural machinery on site.
- The building would be sited centrally within the site and not located practically close to the road as the application suggests; this location does not seem practical neither is it related to efficient agriculture use of the site; it would subdivide the field.
- A planning appeal was dismissed, reference APP/W3520/W/20/3244230, and the reasons for the dismissal remain relevant to the current application including, but not limited to, the planning inspectorates comment that, *“in the absence of any evidence of built development ever having existed on this site I consider that it would intrude into the settings of the listed buildings, resulting in a loss of significance”*.
- Under Part 6 (Class A) of the Second Schedule to the General Permitted Development Order (erection of a building and other operational development on an agricultural unit of 5 ha or more), in order to qualify as permitted development under this part of the GPDO, the building in question must also be “reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within that unit”.

180822/08 Councillors noted the following determination as notified by MSDC:
 DC/22/03346 Land South of Mill Road, Buxhall
 MSDC: REFUSED. BPC: Refusal.

- 180822/09 **Correspondence:** Councillors noted previous correspondence forwarded and were pleased to receive news of the sale of The Buxhall Crown and confirmed Buxhall Parish Council are not intending to submit any expression of interest. Councillors also noted the original public Support the Crown Group will be writing to MSDC confirming they do not intend to put in a bid for the pub; they too support its sale.
- All Councillors noted they have been invited to attend the AGM of Buxhall Community Council on Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 7pm.
- LB agreed to represent Buxhall Parish Council on the Rattlesden Airfield Liaison Committee.
- 180822/10 **Any other matters for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda:** insurance, asset officer report and the future of the VAS.
- 180822/11 **To note the date for the next scheduled meeting:** 12 September 2022.
- 180822/12 The Chairman closed the meeting at 09:54 hrs.