

MINUTES

of the Meeting of Occold Parish Council held at 8pm on Thursday 30th November 2006 at The Beeches

Present: Mr A Andrews, Mr B Dyla, Mr B Hull, Mr R Owen, Mr M Underwood, Mr S Warnes.

Also present Mr Barry Woods

The Meeting had been called to discuss a planning application

As both Mr Chittock and Mrs Careford had been unable to attend Mr Andrews proposed that Mr Hull take the Chair. Mr Warnes seconded this, and Mr Hull was happy to oblige. All in favour

1. Apologies had been received from Mr Chittock, Mrs Careford and Mr Hubner

2. New Councillor Mr Bernard Dyla

Mr Dyla was attending his first meeting since being co-opted. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and had completed the Register of Interests entry

3. Planning Application 2858/06/CRG3: Retention of Ridge Tiles on re-roofed part of Occold School

The application had been made retrospectively by the County Council in respect of the new ridge tiles that had been put on the school during the summer. The old decorative Victorian tiles had been taken off and replaced with plain modern ones, and this change required planning permission as it was above 4m high

As the application concerns County Council property the decision on the planning application will be made by County Council planners rather than the District Council. Mid Suffolk are consultees only and the Planning Committee there will not see the application

Planning Policy GP1 of the Mid Suffolk Plan states that permission will normally be granted

“for proposals which meet the following criteria: -

...materials and finishes should be traditional, or compatible with traditional materials and finishes and should respect local architectural styles where appropriate”

The meeting agreed that the new tiles did not meet this requirement and Mr Warnes proposed, seconded by Mr Underwood, that the Parish Council should recommend refusal. All in favour

4. Meeting held on Wed 22nd November to discuss the school roofline

The Clerk circulated notes from a meeting that had been held between Mr Woods, Mr Chittock, Mr Andrews and Mr Bill Smith, the Design and Maintenance Manager for Suffolk County Council property the previous week. (A copy of the notes is attached to

these Minutes) During this meeting Mr Smith had undertaken to reinstate something like the old ridge tiles whilst work is being done on the other part of the roof next year, if that is what the Parish Council decided it wanted. It is hoped that the work will be done in March/April 2007

As there were 6 councillors present it was deemed appropriate to vote on this issue as well, rather than defer it until the January meeting. Mr Hull proposed and Mr Owen seconded that the Parish Council should press for reinstatement of the old style ridge tiles, with a deadline of seeing the work done before the end of the next financial year, ie March 2008. All in favour. Clerk to write to Mr Smith

Mr Hull expressed thanks on behalf of the Parish Council for the interest and involvement of Mr Woods regarding this matter and for bringing it to the attention of the Parish Council originally

Meeting closed 8.20pm