

**MINUTES OF THE THEBERTON AND EASTBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM MEETINGS
ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 4:00 PM**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Stephen Brett - Chair
Cllr. Graham Bickers
Cllr. Beth Goose

In attendance:

Sharon Smith - Clerk/RFO
No members of the public

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Julian Wallis – accepted
Cllr. Paul Collins - accepted
Cllr. Hilary Ward - accepted
Cllr. Stephen Morphey - accepted
Cllr. Philip Baskett – accepted
Cllr. Nat Bacon - accepted

2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Planning Application

The Council considered planning application DC/20/2993/FUL for the use of land for the standing of three camping pods and four parking spaces at The Alders, Potter's Street. Cllr. Graham Bickers referred to his previously circulated report and proposed that the Council supports the application but makes the following points –

1. The Parish Council was made aware that the owners/occupants of adjacent properties were not notified, nor consulted, about this application. The Parish Council assumes this is due to COVID-19 restrictions but it is very concerned about this. On this occasion, the Parish Council made the residents aware by word of mouth but it asks the District Council to find a solution to this either by asking the Parish Council to disseminate the notices or sending them by post to the residents.
2. There are some species including bats and great crested newts which are using, or are in, close proximity to the site therefore lighting may be an issue.
3. It would appear there will be some additional erosion of landscape involving loss of hedging and therefore screening and character to Potters Street. Since a change of ownership of the property, substantial clearance of the site has taken place giving a far more open aspect to the lane which in general is out of character.
4. If this application is approved, the existing access to The Alders would be used. Given that this is a very narrow lane with poor visibility, the existing access may require improvement and if so the Parish Council is concerned about the compounded effect this will have to the character of the lane.
5. In a recent application for a similar proposal (DC/20/1150/FUL) a requirement was made for a traffic survey and subsequent improved splays were part of the conditions for approval. The Parish Council asks that this application is treated similarly.

Cllr. Stephen Brett seconded. All in favour.

ACTION: Clerk to inform the planning authority.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.