

Felsham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st August 2018 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr David Williams (chair) Cllr David Simpson Cllr Harry Wragge
Cllr Hayley Nunn Cllr Ken Sparkes
Mrs. Paula Gladwell (Clerk)
0 member of the public

- 2018/2303 **Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Simon Garrod, Cllr Mark Tavernor, County & District Cllr Penny Otton
- 2018/2304 **Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensation** – None
- 2018/2305 **Public Participation** – No questions
- 2018/2306 **Planning** – It was Resolved to submit the following comments to MSDC for application nos. DC/18/03503 Erection of two storey rear extension with external alterations, Maple Cottage, Upper Green - *"Felsham Parish Council have no objection in principle to the proposal to extend this property however do have serious concerns regarding the proposed external changes to the existing house and OBJECT to these amendments. Maple Cottage is within the Article 4 Conservation Area and there is currently an open planning enforcement file regarding the painting of the outside of the cottage without submission of the appropriate planning application. It appears that within this application the external colour of the existing property and the extension will be changed to "grey" it is felt extremely important that the exact RAL/BS no. of the grey should be clarified before any comment can be made as to the suitability of the new colour within the visual context of the conservation area. Concerns are expressed that the changes to the existing cottage will be detrimental to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and so contrary to Policy HB8 of the MSDC Local Plan which seeks to preserve and protect the appearance of conservation areas. The removal of the existing tiles and replacement with slate together with the lead roof to the porch, which in itself was the subject of Application 3349/11 which granted the use of specific tiles, these should not be changed as the new materials will alter the appearance significantly of this prominent cottage at the heart of the Conservation Area. The existing cottage currently has a painted brick finish and the proposal to render this before painting will completely change the character of the property, this together with a different front door and new white barge boards will completely modernise the whole property creating a seriously negative impact on the conservation area and the setting around the village green that this cottage is a part of. There appears to have been no Pre application advice sought by the applicant and we ask that Heritage officers please take a look at this application before any decision is made about the significant alterations proposed for this integral Conservation Area property.*
- 2018/2307 DC/18/03644 Erection of a two storey side extension, Meadow Cottage, Brettenham Road - *"Felsham Parish Council have NO OBJECTION to this application based on the information available"*
- 2018/2308 The following MSDC decisions were noted; DC/18/03085 Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Yew (T1) - Lift crown to approximately 3.5 metres above ground level and shorted branch ends by up to 2 metres, Upper Green Cottage - NO WISH TO OBJECT
DC18/00644 Condition 3 (Vertical glazing depth and colour) Stone Farm Cottage, Cockfield Road - CONDITION DISCHARGED.
DC/18/0138 Construction of cladding and rendering, Magnolia House, Cockfield Road - GRANTED
- 2018/2309 **Matters to be brought to the attention of council** – None

Next meeting of the Parish Council - Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.30pm