

RISBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the planning meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2015

Councillors present: D Abrey (Chairman), I Turner (Vice-Chairman), S Gray, S Smith and J Gray.

Also present Mrs J Ince (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

During the Open Forum, there was a discussion about the Old Rectory. Concerns were raised about the following issues:

- Converting land into a garden which was designated as pasture land as this would be a change of use. It has been Glebe Land in recent memory. There appears to be some sort of covenant in place prohibiting use of the Glebe land for development.
- The noise nuisance and its impact on neighbouring properties
- The impact on wildlife in the churchyard
- The visual impact on neighbouring properties
- The disturbance to people visiting the new burial ground

Two other residents said that the proposed site of the tennis court is well screened and will have minimal visual impact on their property. The general consensus was that there is no opposition to the idea of a tennis court, but the location is not ideal and it would be less obtrusive if it were positioned on the northern side of the land.

There was also a short discussion about Churchmead. One resident queried the use of plastic roofing for the lean-to log store and felt it would be more appropriate to use a material which blends in with the garage and is more in sympathy with the Conservation Area.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from J Reed and C Sutton.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda.

3. Planning

a) DC/15/0457/FUL - The Old Rectory, School Road, Risby - Change of use of paddock land to hard surfaced tennis court with surrounding fencing

It was resolved that the Council would object to this application because the chosen location of the tennis court would be a noise nuisance and have a visual impact on neighbouring properties and the churchyard. The Council has no objection in principle to the applicant building a tennis court but feels that the northern side of the paddock would be a more suitable location as it would be less obtrusive and increases the distance from the churchyard. The Council believes that there is a covenant on this property which would prevent this development but cannot confirm this as it does not have access to the deeds of this property. The Council would like confirmation from the applicant that any development on the site does not breach any covenants on the property.

b) DC/14/2332/HH - Manor Cottage, The Green, Risby - Double garage extension to the side of the existing property

It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application.

c) DC/15/0688/HH - Churchmead School Road, Risby - (i) Retention of covered log store to the rear elevation of the detached garage/workshop (ii) installation of new electric timber gates to the front entrance

It was resolved that no objections would be made to this application.

4. Quote for tree works

It was resolved that the Council would approve the quote from Gadd Brothers of £500 for the priority three tree works as recommended in the annual tree survey.

5. Finance

a) Approval of the Schedule of Payments

It was resolved that the following payments would be approved:

- McGregor Services - grass cutting - Open Spaces Act 1906, s10(b) - **£156.00**
- D Abrey - cutting of additional keys for the notice board - LGA 1972, s111 - **£13.50**

b) Approval of the Record of Online payments

It was resolved that the record of online payments would be approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Signed (Chairman) Dated