

PAYHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held online on Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 7.30pm

This meeting was held online (using Zoom) in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 act.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Eva Ingleson
Present: Cllr Tim Cox (Chair), Cllr Rob Leach (Vice-Chair), Cllr Phil Chamberlain, Cllr Kerron Allen, Cllr Karen Edwards, Dawn Chamberlain (Clerk), 14 members of the public.
Note: Cllr Clare Kimber has resigned as a Councillor with effect from 12th March 2021
2. Declarations of interest: there were no declarations of interest.
3. Agree minutes of previous meeting: the minutes from the meeting on 10th March 2021 were agreed and signed.
4. Planning: for each of the planning applications being considered there was a public session followed by the Parish Council discussion:
 - a. 21/0674/FUL – Tale Head Cottage – retention of pergoda: Having taken into account the views of members of the public the Parish Council decided to object to this planning application on the basis of the size of the construction, the unsympathetic style of the pergoda (a thatched roof would have been more in keeping), its close proximity to the listed building and the fact that it is very visible from the road. It was noted that planning applications have been received before for this property so the applicant was aware that planning application should have been sought before erecting the structure. Retrospective planning applications should be avoided.

Decision: Object
 - b. 20/0199/FUL – Cheriton Farm, Payhembury – conversion of barns to 3 dwellings and associated works: The Parish Council were disappointed that many of the suggestions that were put forward in February 2020, in response to the initial planning application for this site, have been ignored in these recent amended plans. Having taken into account the concerns of the residents of the hamlet of Lower Cheriton, the Parish Council decided to continue to object to this planning application and to stress the need for an alternative route to the site, both during construction and for normal use once completed. The preferred route is from the north, past Ellis Pond, which should be used to avoid any additional traffic passing through the centre of the hamlet. The very narrow road and old properties in the centre of the hamlet are unlikely to cope with the movements of many large, heavy vehicles. The Parish Council also felt that the arrangements for car parking and for the car park surface need to be addressed, as does the need for screening for the property ‘Albany’ which directly abuts the site (which was raised in February 2020 but has been ignored). However, the Parish Council support the conversion of the barns into 3 dwellings as laid out in the amended plans, if these other issues are addressed satisfactorily.

Decision: Object

The next meeting of Payhembury Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm (via Zoom)