

**Minutes of the Dersingham Parish Council Extraordinary meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7pm in the Dersingham Village Centre**

**Councillors present:** Coral Shepherd (Chairman), Brian Anderson (Vice Chairman), Val Brundle, John Houston, Martin Noble, Mike Shepherd, and Jordan Stokes.

**Also present:** Geraldine Scanlon (Assistant Business Manager - ABM – Minute taker),

**14354 Apologies for absence** – Councillors Tony Bubb, Dane Hipkin, Robert Frost, Ann Watkins, and Dennis Wright

**14355 Declarations of interest and request dispensations by Councillors in any of the agenda items listed** – None Received.

**14356 Public participation** – None present

**14357 Planning application**

**23/01328/F** - Erection of new sports pavilion and demolition of existing pavilion at Dersingham Sports Council, Manor Road, Dersingham, Norfolk PE31 6LD

Councillors discussed the planning application considering comments made on the Borough Council planning portal to ensure residents' concerns were addressed. **It was resolved to approve the following:**

**Support** - Dersingham Parish Council has considered the above application and has agreed to support the application. With the following comments: 1. Request that consideration be given to mitigating concerns raised by the immediate neighbouring properties.  
2. Express preference for low level lighting around the building and car park for the benefit of the neighbours and ecological reasons.

**14358 NCC Consultation on disposal of School Playing Fields at the former Dersingham Infant and Nursery School, Saxon Way.**

Cllr C Shepherd advised the Parish Council have been asked to comment, by the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, on the consultation regarding the disposal of the school playing fields on Saxon Way. She said she had contacted a church representative, as agreed at the last Full Council meeting regarding the site or some of being used as additional burial space however no real conclusion had been reached. It was agreed that the Chairman submit the following comments on behalf of Dersingham Parish Council:

1. No objection to the disposal of the site
2. Access to the site should not be via Fern Hill or Pell Road.
3. The site be sold in its entirety
4. Consideration be given to use part of the site as a cemetery

Cllr C Shepherd proposed contacting the Borough Council to obtain TPO's on the trees at the site. This was agreed.

**14359 Correspondence**

The Chairman said County Councillor Dark had asked her to bring to Councillors attention the upkeep of the sea defences around the Wash, funding is in place to maintain the sea defences until 2025. The most local being the shingle bank and stretches of concrete defences between the Snettisham and Heacham coastline, however it is long term funding for the replenishment of the shingle banks that is needed. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr C Shepherd writes to the Borough Council regarding future funding.

**14360 Public participation – None present**

**14361 Items for inclusion on the next agenda**

Cllr C Shepherd asked Councillors to let the BM know of any agenda items for the next meeting

**14362 Date of next meetings:**

Full Council Meeting - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 at 7pm in the Garden Room

With no further business the meeting was closed at 8.00pm

**Action Points**

**Cllr C Shepherd**

- Submit the Parish Councils comments on the NCC Consultation on disposal of School Playing Fields at the former Dersingham Infant and Nursery School, Saxon Way.
- Write to the Borough Council regarding future funding for the sea defences around the Wash