

# Buckworth Parish Council

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## **Buckworth Parish Council Meeting to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022, at 6.30pm until 6.30 in Buckworth Cricket Club**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak on any item on this agenda for the first 10 minutes of the meeting. They are then welcomed to remain and observe the rest of the meeting.**

### **AGENDA**

**190722/1 TO RECORD APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**190722/2 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**190722/3 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF:**

**190722/4 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**190722/5 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Please note all issues to be raised in this section must be sent to the Clerk via email 24 hours before the meeting is due to commence. At the close of this item, members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

**190722/6 PLANNING**

#### **TO CONSIDER:**

22/00963/HHFUL Old corner Cottage, Church Road, Buckworth  
Proposed single storey side extension

The Parish Council replied using delegation with the following comments to Huntingdon District Council. BH abstained from commenting.

#### Overview

In principle the Parish Council is in favour of upgrading and improving the housing stock within the parish to better meet the needs of families and individuals occupying the properties. Within the parish some of the house's date to the late 19th Century built with bricks made locally and having period features. Any development of buildings of this type should where possible be carried out preserving the character of the original.

Old Corner Cottage was extended within the last 10 years to provide a large family kitchen and create a better layout on the first floor. This work was carried out to a high standard and attention was paid to details to ensure that the work was sympathetic to the original structure and in keeping with the original building. The Parish Council supported this work in line with the objective of improving housing stock.

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However, this new application does raise some concerns in regard to overall design and impact of the proposed extension.

## Proposed Extension

The overall design of the extension is not in keeping with the existing structure,

- The fenestration of the front elevation does not match that of the existing building.
- although described as a single storey extension, the rear elevation has an eaves height of 3.5m
- The roof is of a novel and non-standard design having tiled sections on the front and rear elevation with a large flat roof covering the main part of the extension.
- Most of the properties in Buckworth enjoy large gardens, this extension would reduce the amount of space around the property and reduce its utility as a family home.

On balance the council felt the above means the proposed extension detracts from the existing building and feels that additional accommodation proposed could be provided with a more sympathetic design.

## Biodiversity

Councillors noted as a matter of fact that, contrary to the application's Biodiversity Checklist, the property is within 250m of several ponds, and that there are greater crested newts in the area.

In addition to this there are, again contrary to the information outlined on the application document, both trees and hedges on adjoining properties that that are within falling distance of the proposed development.

## Summary

On balance the Parish Council feels that were a more sympathetic design produced to provide the required accommodation and the materials used are in keeping with the existing materials, they could support this application.

**TO UPDATE: none**

## **190722/7 MATTERS ARISING:**

- a) To note Councillor Resignation
- b) To appoint a new Vice Chair
- c) Anglian Water Update – if any
- d) To discuss new website quotations and options
- e) To discuss Dog Waste Bins – if HDC have responded with costings
- f) To discuss Buckworth Well
- g) To discuss CAPALC Renewal
- h) To discuss LLA Stack
- i) Proposal to apply for Village Plan grant funding
- j) Village Survey/Questionnaire on villagers' requirements of the PC

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k) Hamerton AGM Outcome

## **190722/8 FINANCE**

a) To approve bank Reconciliation up until June 2022 – circulated before meeting.

b) PAYMENTS:

HMRC, Wages	£134.31
Red Shoe Accounting – Payroll services	£45.00
CGM – Grass Cutting	£115.1
Scribe – Account Package Annual subscription	£172.80
HDC – Uncontested Election Fee	£102.58
Curry's Business – Laptop	£288.99

c) DIRECT DEBITS PAID: None

d) INCOME

**190722/9 DIARY DATES** – Next meeting of the Council TBC

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**13<sup>th</sup> July 2022**