

LIDGATE PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the planning meeting held on Wednesday 4th August 2021.****Councillors present: Chris Stemberidge (Acting Chairman), Annie Lee, John Whitefield and Hayley Mableson****Also present: The applicant and two members of the public.****Open Forum**

The following issues were raised during the open forum:

- Planning application DC/21/1355/FUL

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Laura Perry and Paul Watchman and the reasons for absence accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

No councillors declared an interest in any items on the agenda and no dispensation requests were received.

3. Planning**a) DC/21/1355/FUL - Turners, Bury Lane, Lidgate - Partial conversion of garage to dog grooming parlour (sui generis)**

It was resolved that the Parish Council would raise a holding objection to this application, pending submission of further information to West Suffolk Council by the applicant, for the following reasons:

Access to the property will be from Bury Lane which is a single tracked road off the B1063. There are no passing places before the access driveway, also visibility in and out of Bury Lane is limited by a building on one corner. Without controls on the number of vehicles visiting the property during the early morning and late afternoon, the proposal may lead to additional vehicles coinciding with peak use of the lane.

West Suffolk Policy DM2 (g) V requires that proposals for development should not adversely affect the amenities of adjacent areas by reason of noise, smell, vibration, overlooking, overshadowing, loss of light, other pollution (including light pollution), or volume or type of vehicular activity generated.

The garage housing the proposal is in close proximity to neighbouring residential properties, notably Brook House, and the development has the potential to introduce new noise into a quiet residential area, thereby adversely impacting on their amenity. Sources of noise include vehicle movements within the site, voices of people, dogs barking, and equipment noise from washing and drying. The window and or door may need to be open for ventilation purposes. No details of the opening times and days or sound insulation properties have been provided within the application.

Mitigation

Suitable mitigation would limit the potential for adverse impact. The applicant was questioned about the nature of the proposed activity and the measures which could be put in place to limit any disturbance to neighbours. Barking would be more likely if there is more than one dog on site for the purposes of grooming, and the applicant offered that there would be no more than one dog visiting at a time and working hours would be limited to 10.00 -14.00 Monday to Saturday. There is a double glazed window to the garage and this would be kept closed during grooming.

4. Any other business for noting or including on the agenda of the meeting on Wednesday 8th September 2021

No issues were raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm**Signed (Chairman) Dated**