

Drinkstone Parish Council Meeting 2nd October 2023

Agenda item Councillor Portfolio Report & Planning Applications

There are two planning applications for consideration at the October parish council meeting- **DC/23/04357 Full Planning Application - Change in use of agricultural land to residential garden to serve Plot 1.**

This is the site of the two bungalows that are currently under construction in Beyton Road (reference to previous application DC/18/01268 Erection of 2 No. detached bungalows) and concerns a strip of land that is 3.5m in width that is currently agricultural and that the applicant now wishes to incorporate into the garden area. The application does not show any intention for construction and details a post and rail fence that will be erected to form the boundary. The applicant states the land was purchased at the same time as the development site but it was not included in the original application. The applicant would now like to apply to change the use of the land from agricultural to residential garden land. The bungalow adjacent to the west boundary is situated on the original application site boundary. The area is currently grassed and will be maintained by normal domestic garden.

DC/23/04183 Householder Application - Erection of a front porch.

This application concerns a front porch that will be added to the front of the house – using materials that will blend in with the current construction. The house is not listed.

Naming of properties

It seems there have been concerns regarding the naming of properties. The link below states that a formal application should be made to Mid Suffolk (so there is a formal process) in order for the name to be checked and registered. I'm not sure if any planning laws have been broken here and I'm guessing that the formality will ensure the address will be registered for post and on websites where you are able to select your address from a drop down menu. See the links below.

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/building-control/street-naming-and-numbering/change-the-name-of-a-property/>

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Building-Control/Street-Naming-Numbering/HNC2-House-Name-Change-Guidance-Jan-2023.pdf>

Issue regarding a tennis court.

I have walked the path that allows some visibility to the property and all that is visible is a tennis court net. It is impossible to see if the surface has been altered or if it is grass. I have looked into the matter regarding planning and it would seem that adding a net onto the grassed area is perfectly acceptable. However should a fence above 6 feet be installed or floodlights be installed they would become a planning issue.

With regards to comments I feel the planning applications are acceptable and we will not need to comment. Regarding the house naming and tennis court I'm not sure this is within the remit of the PC – if we were to approach MSDC reporting that a net has been erected in a garden, we may look very foolish. As for the house names maybe this should be taken up by those concerned with MSDC – I'm not convinced it's a planning matter and I feel sure once post/parcels are not received, registering the name would be preferable to the householder as it appears a simple process at a nominal cost.

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