

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 11th June, 2024
in Grundisburgh Parish Rooms

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs. G. Caryer, A .Dunnett, J.Dunnett, R. Youngman, Mrs.A.Willetts (in the chair), District Councillor C. Hedgley and 7 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence Messrs. B. Cook, C. Dow, M. Harris, M. Mason, Mrs. J. Bignell

2. To receive member's declarations of interest No interests were declared

3. Public Open Forum – relating to item 4 The Chairman invited members of the public to address the meeting. The following comments and observations were made.

- Good use of the building.
- Potential traffic and parking problems need to be addressed.
- Concerns that the conservation and management of the burial grounds are not included in the application.

4. To discuss the following Planning Application

DC/24/1237/FUL Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel, Chapel Lane, Grundisburgh
Change of use of redundant building (class F1 (f) to create three dwellings (class C3) and associated landscaping

On return to the formal meeting Councillors generally agreed that the application proposed sensible use of the building but problems could arise regarding parking and traffic issues.

It would have been better if the whole site, including the burial grounds and proposed Garden of Remembrance had been included in the application. It was explained that in pre-application discussions East Suffolk Council planners had asked for separate applications – Chapel and Grounds.

The management and long term future of the burial grounds need to be secured. It was suggested that the Parish Council could take on this responsibility

5. To formulate the Parish Council's response to East Suffolk Council

It was agreed that the Parish Council, in its response, should request that the whole setting of the chapel should be included within the boundary of this application. The whole site is in the ownership of the applicant and should be the subject of this change of use application.

The long-term future of the burial ground and proposed Garden of Remembrance needs to be secured within this application.

The Chapel has, for very many years been a cherished land mark in the Village. The proposed residential use of the building would seem to be the only sustainable use now available to the new owner. The access lanes around the Chapel are more suited to the horse and cart than the vehicles that use them today.

Parking within the site would be a problem with the current proposal and layout. Access onto the narrow road and lack of visibility from both Chapel Lane, and the steep section of Chapel Road from the cross roads would be problematic. There is very little space for vehicles to manoeuvre within the site in the current proposal and no visitor parking.

Provision must be made within the total site for more amenity space, and parking for the proposed dwellings. Conditions of any approval must contain

- 1) All construction vehicles and materials must be stored within the site.
- 2) All vehicles of construction workers and visitors to the site must park within the site.
- 3) Provision must be made on the site to receive all deliveries.