

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF BRENT ELEIGH PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMMENCING AT 7:30PM**

**Present:**

Cllr Kevin Went (Chairman)  
Cllr Karen Marshall  
Cllr Francesca Scoones  
Cllr Natalie Shewring

**Apologies:**

Cllr Michael Warner

**In Attendance:**

William Grosvenor (*Clerk to the Council*)

		<b>Action</b>
<b>17.18</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME</b> Cllr Went welcomed all present to the meeting.	
<b>17.19</b>	<b>TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Warner due to absence abroad.	
<b>17.20</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
<b>17.20.01</b>	<b>To Receive Amendments to the Register</b> There were no amendments to the Register.	
<b>17.20.02</b>	<b>To Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda</b> There were none.	
<b>17.20.03</b>	<b>To Receive Declarations of Non Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda</b> There were none.	
<b>17.20.04</b>	<b>To Receive Full / Partial Dispensations for Pecuniary Interests Declared</b> It was noted that there had been no requests for dispensations.	
<b>17.21</b>	<b>TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS B/16/01723/FUL AND B/16/01724/LBC - BRENT ELEIGH HALL – EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO HOUSE AND STABLE INCLUDING PARTIAL DEMOLITION AND CONVERSION OF PART OF THE STABLE FROM 1 TO 2 NO. FLATS</b> Councillors examined in some detail the extensive documentation accompanying the above planning applications. It was noted that this was in part a retrospective application, with some works having been completed prior to the application being submitted. Overall the Parish Council welcomed the significant investment being made to this Grade I listed building. Following lengthy discussion, two areas of concern were identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The proposed introduction of a new exterior door in the south west wing on the lower ground floor to mirror the door in the south east wing; this was considered an unnecessary embellishment and would neither provide disabled access.</li> <li>• On the ground floor there was a proposal to remove the existing larder, containing the original slate shelves and also the scullery, containing original fittings. The current arrangement of both space</li> </ul>	

	<p>and fixtures and fittings in these rooms reflect a complete set of domestic offices dating back to the 1930s, and Members felt that the integrity of the arrangements and layout should not lightly be compromised.</p> <p>The Clerk to convey the Council's views to Babergh planners on that basis.</p>	Clerk
17.22	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS – INVITATION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SUFFOLK PRESERVATION SOCIETY (SPS)</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported that, in the light of his request to the SPS to look at the planning applications for Brent Eleigh Hall in the context of the architectural conservation proposals, the SPS in turn had invited Brent Eleigh Parish Council to become a member of SPS. Following discussion it was <b>AGREED</b> to join the Society and pay the annual subscription of £30.00.</p>	Clerk
17.23	<p><b>CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>	
17.24	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING</b></p> <p><b>23 March 2017 at 7.30pm</b></p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30pm.</p>	