



Parish of Castle Heddingham
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**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF CASTLE HEDDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD ON MONDAY 18th MARCH 2024, 7.30PM AT CASTLE HEDDINGHAM CLUB**

Present: Cllrs, Deeks, Doe, Dover, Foulkes, Mowle, Southgate, Westrop
In the Chair: Cllr Southgate
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also present: 10 members of the public including 2 owners of the property

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Allen due to her previous tenancy of the property when the Post Office was located at the premises. Cllr Smith apologised for absence due to a previous engagement

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Doe declared an interest due to a financial agreement with the owners to rent bin space at the Bell Inn
Cllr Foulkes declared an interest as an immediate neighbour of the property.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

One of the owners of the property spoke to explain the circumstances behind the planning applications and their future plans. A resident spoke to express concern about loss of community which could be a consequence of losing a community asset to holiday accommodation.

4. PLANNING

Applications received:

RECONSULTATION

24/00220/FUL Proposed conversion of existing building into 2 holiday lets with commercial area Buckleys And The Magnolia Tea Rooms 7A St James Street CO9 3EJ *Comment due 31st March 2024. An extension until after the Parish Council meeting on April 8th had been requested but declined.*
The original Parish Council response submitted to Braintree Planning on 23rd February 2024 was summarised by the clerk. The reconsultation had been requested following submission of a new report by the applicant's agent and a support comment submitted by the applicant.

RESOLVED: To respond to the reconsultation expressing appreciation for the suggested compromise in reducing the holiday lets from 3 to 2, but restating the concern about lack of robust commercial viability testing which is a requirement of LPP61 of the Braintree Local Plan. Accessibility of the upstairs premises for customers remains a concern and the Parish Council would still appreciate consideration by Braintree Planning Committee due to the potential economic and community impact of loss of commercial space.

5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- To be notified to the Parish Clerk by Friday 29th March please

6. NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 8th April 2024	7.30pm	Ordinary Parish Council	Castle Heddingham Club
Monday 13th May 2024	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council	Castle Heddingham Club
Monday 20th May 2024	7.30pm	Annual Parish Assembly	Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE