

Minutes of the Virtual MXB Sub-Committee held on the 12th November 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom

1.0 Attendance

Parish Cllrs: L Spittles, R Heywood and S Raffe. Emily Harmon (MXB) and Parish Clerk

2.0 Apologies

None.

3.0 Minutes of the last meeting 22nd October 2020

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Heywood suggested that the minutes should be circulated to all Parish Councillors, which can be used as the report for the main Parish Council meeting. The Sub-Committee can answer any questions arising from the minutes. This was agreed.

4.0 Covid-19

As a result of the new lockdown measures the Farmers Arms will be closed. However, the Fish & Chip Shop, Shop and Post Office remain open, with all existing Covid measures in place. The service will continue for home delivery (Tuesday & Thursday) for those who are self-isolating or who are unable to pick-up their groceries.

5.0 Update on Developments

Car Park

The work is now complete. Key fobs will be available next week to employees and teaching staff at Woolsery School.

The Manor

Planning 1/0723/2020/FUL & 1/0724/2020/LBC - Installation of ground source heat pump system, alterations and additions to existing manor house and outbuildings, is still pending.

In order to address the noise concerns raised by the Environmental Protection Officer at Torridge District Council, Max Fordham will be installing a meter to assess the noise over 24hrs per day for 7 days.

Cllr Raffe asked whether the pipework would be above or below ground level. Emily clarified that the pipework would go down a bore hole (vertically).

On the 23rd November works will start with the retaining wall of the basement. The subsoil from the Manor will be used in possible future construction on the farm.

The roof slating on the Potting Shed at the Farm will start, as well as the roof on the Shop.

Removal of Benchmark

The Benchmark was a line scratched onto a stone on the Manor wall (Copper Hill side), which denoted "above sea level". Cllr Heywood understood that there was a legal obligation to replace it.

ACTION: Emily to check with the Architect and report to the Sub-Committee.

Other Mobile Catering Businesses

Following an email received from a Parishioner, Councillors asked Emily how she felt about external catering units providing a facility within the Parish, and whether it has an impact on the business. Emily welcomes competition and supports other businesses, emphasising how great it is to have a variety of services within the Parish.

Parking for delivery services at the Manor

Cllr Heywood had raised concerns with regards to the amended plans, which shows a new raised area in the off road delivery area.

Emily explained that the area identified is the reduced plant room, which will be roadside but flush with the ground. The plant room will be smaller, as the original plan of a biomass boiler has been changed to electric, using green energy.

After reviewing the plans, the raised area identified looks like a planter. **ACTION: Emily to clarify and report to the Sub-Committee.**

Ivy Cottage & Defibrillator

It was asked whether MXB had purchased Ivy Cottage. Emily stated that Ivy Cottage has not been purchased. In terms of the Defibrillator, MXB can provide the finance for the equipment. **ACTION: The Sub-Committee to liaise with the Parish Council, to move the project forward.**

9.0 Date & Time of Next Meeting

10th December 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. **ACTION:** The Clerk gave her apologies, and agreed to liaise with Cllr Spittles in setting up the Zoom meeting.