**CHEDBURGH PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday June 12th 2023

Attendees: Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Rickard (Vice Chair), Cllr Cardy, Cllr Sellars, District Cllr Chester, three members of the parish.

1. Welcome by Chair and no apologies for absence.
2. No declarations of Councillors’ Interests
3. The following discussion followed during the Public Participation:
* Neighbours of the development to be discussed believe their privacy will be seriously challenged if the changes are allowed to go ahead. They have a glazed garden room attached to the bungalow behind the conifer hedge and they use this all the time for their dining room and living room. The hedge has had a canker within it for several years and it was going to be removed before the decision was granted for the applicant to build the new dwellings. If the hedge is removed, they believe that leaves the glazed garden room open to view from overlooking windows. (WSC planning application No: SE/11/0639)
* They believe the applicant’s request to change some conditions will seriously affect their way of life and mental wellbeing.
* They say that the hedge, mentioned in the applicant’s statement was always going to be removed because it has conifer canker and that the applicant should not have used this hedge as a means to retain the neighbours’ privacy when requesting they replace the obscured glass with plain glass.
1. **Planning application: DC/23/0804/VAR** – Land west of Silver Tree Way, Chedburgh, Suffolk. – variation of condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of condition 17 (obscure glazing) of DC/22/0066/FUL to enable the use of amended plans for the construction of two dwellings with associated vehicular access

The following discussion followed:

* Both the obscured glazed windows and the brick paving are actually in situ prior to this planning application going in.
* The glazed window issue is currently being investigated by WSC Planning Enforcement Team care of George Bolen Ref no: EN/23/0032
* The Parish Council remember discussing the original application and were insistent that they would agree to the application providing the privacy issue and glazed windows were conditions in the building of both dwellings (extract from Minutes of Chedburgh Parish Council meeting held on March 7th 2022: *The Council resolved to support the application subject to recommendations that matters of privacy be addressed - this could be by adjusting the fenestration, the orientation and /or the height of the proposed houses.*)
* District Cllr added that if the obscured glazing clause had not been included in the original plan the Council may have called for the buildings to be oriented differently.
* They believe that the impetus is being put on the owners of No 4 The Green to maintain their privacy when it is the developers taking this away from them.
* They agree that the diseased hedge should not have formed part of the developer’s rationale behind the privacy not being affected if the windows change from obscure glass to clear glass. The hedge will need to be removed soon as it has serious die back.

**Therefore, the Parish Council’s decision is unanimous in not supporting this planning application.**

Meeting ended at 20.15pm

Date of next meeting: Monday July 10th at 7.30pm

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