

Monks Eleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th October 2022 at Monks Eleigh Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs John Newton (Chairman), Angela Forrest, Victoria Keitley-Webb and, Cllrs Patti Derry, Elizabeth Evans and Will Sykes

Attending: Lucinda Rogers (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

162/22 Apologies for Absence

Alan Braithwaite

163/22 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

None

164/22 Public Forum

Concerns raised about Northcote Drive development; insurance, snagging. Suggestion of a sub committee to negotiate a way forward. Will there be enough CIL money to pay for the new street lights. Firbeck House planning application is the same proposal and hope that the parish council will agree to object to the proposal.

165/22 Planning Matters

The councillors considered planning application - DC/22/04974 – Erection of 1no dwelling and garden room at Firbeck House, The Street Monks Eleigh and agreed to object to the proposal with the same objections as the previous planning application. They noted that a traffic survey had been added to the application.

166/22 Northcote Drive

The problems with the site were noted – not complying with condition 18 – archaeology report, no snagging. Originally CIL should have been £200,000 but now been lowered to £60,000 due to the increase in affordable housing within the site but at over £100,000 still unaffordable to most young people. This reduces the CIL to the parish council from £24,000 to £3,000. Babergh have no flexibility over this. The councillors agreed to make the following resolution to be sent to the Chief Executive of Babergh District Council and a copy to the District Councillor: “We would respectfully ask that you look into this matter with a view to positive progress being made, the development gets completed, the CIL monies duly paid, and much needed housing in this village is at last made available for occupation”

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

