

GISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

On 30th March 2021, Gisleham Parish Council responded to the following Planning Applications, as a Consultee.

In line with Government advice, Councillors considered these Applications by reference to the submitted drawings, by visiting the East Suffolk Council Planning website and, subsequently, discussing their observations with the Chairman of Gisleham Parish Council.

1. To consider the following planning applications: -

A: DC/21/0888/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of Grade II Listed Barn to Residential Dwelling

Address: Church Farm, Gisleham Road, Gisleham NR33 8DU

Councillors were pleased to receive this Application and look forward to the completion of the development in this prominent position in the village, the decision was to recommend APPROVAL.

There were two items of concern:

1. Both Gisleham Road and Church Road are very susceptible to flooding in this area and it is hoped that both Suffolk Highways and Building Control will address the location of soakaways and maintenance of the roadside ditches in agreeing rainwater disposal and surfacing specifications.
2. It is acknowledged that currently grey boarded cladding is very popular but consider, in this prominent location, that retention of the more traditional black boarding would be more appropriate.

B: DC/21/0889/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent, Conversion of Grade II Listed Barn to Residential Dwelling

Address: Church Farm, Gisleham Road, Gisleham NR33 8DU

In conjunction with the accompanying Application DC/21/0888/FUL, the decision was to recommend APPROVAL.

Signed.....ChairmanClerk Date.....

C: DC/21/1220/FUL

Proposal: Removal of verandah and decking and construction of flat roofed single storey extension.

Address: Bulldog Cottage, Gisleham Road, Gisleham NR33 8DF

There were no adverse comments and the decision was to recommend APPROVAL.

D: DC/20/5199/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application – Outbuilding at rear and summerhouse to bottom of garden

Address: Sea'esta, London Road, Gisleham NR33 7QW

Councillors had concerns regarding this Application and had requested further information. The Application sought 'Permission in Principle' and Councillors were unsure whether this was a relevant submission?

The application site excluded the access drive, which, by the erection of the new fence, also appeared to deny access to Sunnyways. Councillors queried who owned the drive.

The site of the outbuilding is isolated, by fencing, from the dwelling and Councillors had questioned what 'storage' was intended. There is a suggestion that the building is to be used for commercial purposes, rather than 'home working' as a result of Covid restrictions. Questions were also raised as to why the rear wall is rendered, and includes a window not shown on the plan.

In the absence of receiving any clarification to these questions, Councillors are unable to offer any recommendations regarding a decision to this Application.

Signed.....ChairmanClerk Date.....