

Assington Parish Council

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Minutes of a meeting held in Assington Village Hall at 7.00pm on **Thursday** **19th February 2026**

Present

Councillors Simon Thorogood, Andrew Hill, Bronwen Stacey, Mark Armitage,
Kim Howard

In attendance: Christine Hargan Clerk

1. **Apologies** for absence
David Wiles and Tony Howcroft
2. Receive **declarations of interests** and **request for dispensation** from Councillors
There were none
3. **Planning:**
 - **A Planning applications**
 - i. [DC/25/05535](#) **The Gables 4 The Street Assington Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LH**
Erection of a Two Storey Side Extension and a Single Storey Rear Extension.
(Following demolition of existing garage)
Following lengthy discussion it was resolved to object to this application, because it is in conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan Policy ASSN13 Assington Special Character Area which states; “Within this area, proposals will only be supported where they preserve or enhance the distinct characteristics of the existing buildings and their setting.”

Councillors discussed the fact that planning consent has been granted to extensions in other parts of the village, but noted that all of these have been outside the Special Character Area outlined by the Neighbourhood Plan, or have not impacted upon its setting. In this case, given the resulting uneven appearance of the building, the fact it is highly visible from the road with trees having also been removed, and the fact it extends forward in front of the existing cottages, it was agreed that the application would have a significant negative impact on the Special Character Area.
 - ii. [SCC/0018/26/DoR](#) Discharge of conditions Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement
Resolved No Comment
 - iii. [DC/26/00413](#) **Braes Farm**, Further Street, Assington, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 5LE
Change of use of agricultural buildings
Resolved No Comment
 - Consider any planning application received **since the agenda was posted**
There were none
4. **Questions** to the Chair
There were none

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5. Next scheduled **meeting** will be held on Monday 30th March 2026 at Assington Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm