

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 19th December 2025**

At 6.35 pm in the Victory Hall, Tymmes Place, Hasketon, Suffolk

Final Minutes

Present: Will Longe (WL) (Chair), Parish Councillors (PCllrs), Iain Whyte (IW) (Vice Chairman), Beccy Batley (RB), Martin SMITH (MS) and Steve LECKIE (SL) (Hasketon Parish Clerk).

There were 2 members of the public (MOTP) in attendance.

1. Welcome: Chair WL opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Councillors William HELM, Niki Field (NF), Ann TURNER (AT) and District Councillor Colin Hedgley, which were accepted.

3. Declaration of Interests: None declared

4. Invitation for members of the public to speak:

One MOP attending stated that they were concerned about the copse adjacent to the proposed application site and wanted to protect the woodland from potential users of the site. They also made comment about protecting the ditch along the roadside which the entranceway crossed. There were concerns about possible damage to the 120 yds of fencing protecting the copse. They also expressed concerns about a possible increase in the volume of traffic.

A further MOP indicated that they thought the application was a change of use due to the application requesting extending the residency period.

The Clerk (SL) indicated to the meeting that this application was purely a Variation of Condition application as the permission had already been granted for its use as a residential site. He also suggested that the MOP make their concerns known through the East Suffolk Portal.

5. Planning:

- i. **To Consider Planning Application:** DC/25/4567/VOC
Proposal: Variation of Condition Number 11 of DC/24/2250/FUL - Proposed Siting of 6 Holiday Lodges and Associated Landscaping - To vary the wording of condition 11 as follows: Occupation by any one person, or persons of any of the holiday units shall not exceed a period of 11 months in total in any one calendar year.
Site address: Redundant Agricultural Buildings at Shimmens Lot, Boulge Road, Hasketon, Suffolk.

Following general conversation by the Council –

COMMENTS BY HPC

DC/25/4567/VOC

Redundant Agricultural Buildings at Shimmens Lot, Boulge Road, Hasketon, Suffolk.

At a meeting of the Hasketon Parish Council on Friday 19th December 2025 it was felt this application has no validity and is in direct contradiction to the original application which, whilst disputed, was granted permission for holiday letting accommodation.

This is seen as a clear attempt to abuse Condition 11 which permission granted that

“The premises herein referred to shall be used for holiday letting accommodation and for no other purpose (including any other purpose in Class C3 of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987). The duration of occupation by any one person, or persons, of any of the holiday units shall not exceed a period of 56 days in total in any one calendar year.”

It is believed the variation of condition is sought for purely commercial profit and does not ensure that the development is occupied only as bona-fide holiday accommodation, having regard to the tourism objectives of the Local Plan.

New Tourist Accommodation is clearly defined.

“Restricting occupation of new self-catering tourist accommodation units to a continuous period of 56 days for the benefit of the tourism economy by providing a range of available accommodation for those wishing to visit the district.”

This application fails to produce a valid argument for extending the clearly defined time limitations.

In Consideration of Policy SCLP7.1: Sustainable Transport – The Council believes there is no local transport to support the site, and a more permanent use of the site may result in its use by occupiers who seek work in the area and therefore increase the frequency of traffic on a narrow country lane. The Council previously pointed out that this is situated on National cycle route one and an increase in the volume of traffic would be both dangerous and unsympathetic to local tourism.

The Hasketon Parish Council therefore resolves to object to this application.

9. Close of Meeting: 19.10 Hours

Steve LECKIE Hasketon Parish Clerk.

Signed:**Chairman. Date**.....

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