

# NOTES FOR RESIDENTS OF EFFRA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021



## **Planning Application re former St Lawrence School Playing Fields at Church Street**

The committee was pleased that the planning application for 17 dwellings on this site was turned down at the GBC Planning Committee meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Vivien White, EFFRA Chairman spoke to the Committee to express the objections of residents. Liz Hogger, Effingham's Borough Councillor gave a persuasive speech against the application. Additionally, an Opinion from legal Counsel obtained by Effingham Parish Council at EFFRA's suggestion, upheld the policies on this site in the Neighbourhood Plan and helped persuade the Planning Committee to turn the application down. The legal Opinion will be valuable in any future challenges to the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **Berkeley Homes Proposal for Additional 110 Dwellings on Effingham Lodge Farm**

Berkeley Homes' webinar was attended by committee members but nothing has been revealed to change the committee's opinion that the proposal is both unacceptable and unwarranted. EFFRA believes that as it is proposed to be on Green Belt land next to Ancient Woodland it would cause more significant damage than the current agreed scheme and put the infrastructure of the area under even more strain.

## **Planning Application for The Barn, The Street**

A planning application has been submitted for 15 dwellings (including the conversion of the existing house into three dwellings and the demolition of some ancillary buildings) at The Barn. The last date for comments is 5<sup>th</sup> March..

## **Tradesmen's Register**

It is now hoped to publish and deliver the new edition of the Tradesmen's Register in March. There are currently 26 tradesmen signed up with others pending. The new Register should be very useful to residents as a good spread of trades is covered with a number of tradesmen in the most used trades. Tradesmen are encouraged to join the Register with a small donation to EFFRA and can email [register@effinghamresidents.org.uk](mailto:register@effinghamresidents.org.uk) for further information.

## **EFFRA Website and Facebook Page**

The number of subscribers has increased to 536 with 468 Followers and 380 Likes on the linked Facebook page.

## **AGM**

The AGM will be held on Zoom on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 8pm. The Chairman's Report, together with the Treasurer's Report, will this year, because of the Covid emergency, be posted on the EFFRA website instead of in a delivered Newsletter. Residents wishing to attend are asked to notify the Secretary in advance via [info@effinghamresidents.org.uk](mailto:info@effinghamresidents.org.uk). Details of the agenda can be found at <https://effinghamresidents.org.uk/effra-agm-22-february-2021>