

**No 25 Stoney Road, Grundisburgh,
Suffolk**

Planning application: DC/16/4759/FUL

HER Ref: GRU 057

Archaeological Monitoring Report

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Site details for HER

Name: No 25 Stoney Road, Grundisburgh, Suffolk, IP13 6RD

Client: Mr O Billsberry

Local planning authority: Suffolk Coastal DC

Planning application ref: DC/16/4759/FUL

Development: Erection of extension

Date of fieldwork: 14 & 28 March, 2017

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OASIS: johnnewm1-25472

Grid ref: TM 2210 5114

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Summary: Grundisburgh, 25 Stoney Road (GRU 057, TM 2210 5114) monitoring of ground works for an extension on the north-western side of the village did not reveal any archaeological features or finds (John Newman Archaeological Services for Mr O Billsberry).

1. Introduction & background

1.1 Mr O Billsberry commissioned John Newman Archaeological Services (JNAS) to undertake the archaeological monitoring of ground works required under a condition for a programme of archaeological works of the planning decision notice for application DC/16/4759/FUL. The monitoring requirements were set out in a Brief set by Mr J Rolfe of the Suffolk CC Archaeological Service to satisfy this condition and in response JNAS produced the relevant Written Scheme of Investigation (see Appendix II) in order that conditional discharge could be gained from the LPA and ground works commence on site. This development concerns the erection of an extension at 25 Stoney Road, Grundisburgh.

1.2 Grundisburgh is located some 4 miles north-west of Woodbridge in south-east Suffolk with the modern village being a moderately large rural settlement close to the northern edge of the parish. The historic core to the village clusters round the parish church and the crossing point of a small stream that runs into the east Suffolk River Lark with 25 Stoney Road being some 200m north-west of the church and just over 200m north of this stream (see Fig. 1). Historically the parish church is not recorded in the Domesday Book though the settlement is and in all likelihood as a subsidiary to the adjacent settlement at Burgh.

1.3 The site is just above the 35m OD contour with the ground dropping away gently to the south; soils are mixed in the area as the parish is on the boundary between the heavy clays of the Till deposits of central Suffolk and the lighter sands and gravels to the east and investigations nearby have recorded heavier clay with flints deposits and lighter sandy clay deposits.

1.3 Archaeological interest in this development was generated by its location to recorded artefact scatters (HER GRU 025 & GRU 026) indicative of activity of Anglo-Saxon and medieval date.

2. Monitoring methodology

2.1 Two site visits were made to monitor the excavation of a soakaway and then the foundation trenches which were undertaken using a medium sized 360 machine. At all times conditions for site visibility were good and as the spoil was temporarily stockpiled on site it could be thoroughly examined both visually and with a metal detector. The extension area was recorded in relation to nearby mapped features and a number of digital images were taken in order to record the monitoring (see Appendix I).

3. Results

3.1 The initial site visit monitored the excavation of a soakaway to the rear of the house (see Fig. 2) and this revealed 250mm of topsoil above 250mm of mid brown clay subsoil over the locally occurring glaciofluvial deposit which was pale brown chalky clay with flints. The c34m of foundation trench revealed a similar deposit

profile with 200mm of topsoil over 300mm of mid brown clay subsoil above the same stiff chalky clay. Neither the excavation of the soakaway or the trenches revealed any archaeological features and the only finds in the upcast spoil were occasional fragments of modern brick and tile.

5. Conclusion

5.1 While this site is close to recorded artefact scatters of Anglo-Saxon and medieval date the results of this monitoring indicate that the activity represented by these finds does not extend into the area around 25 Stoney Road, Grundisburgh and therefore the ground works carried out for the extension and soakaway have not disturbed any archaeological deposits.

(Acknowledgements: JNAS is grateful to Ollie Billsberry and Andy on site for their close cooperation during the monitoring)

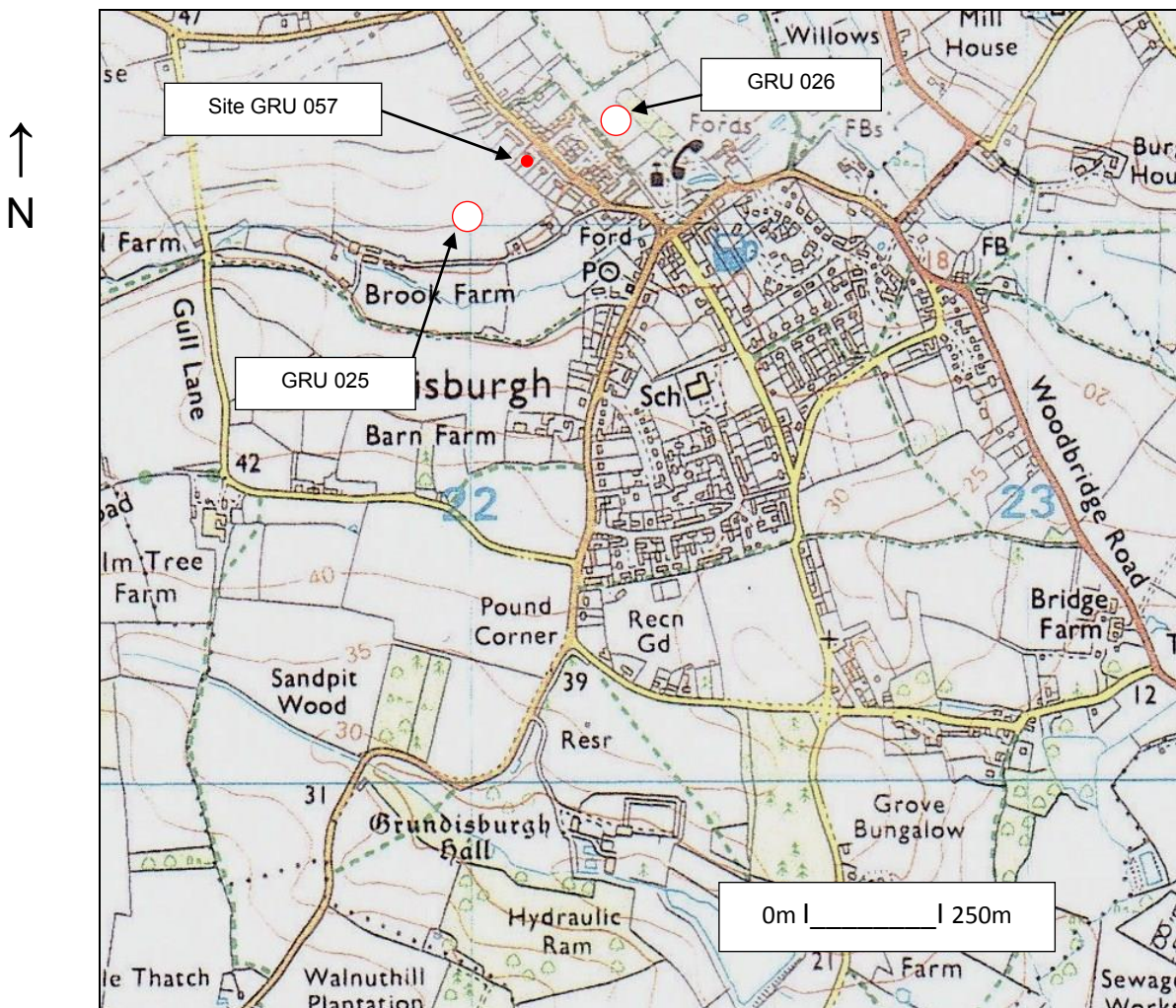


Fig. 1: Site location (Ordnance Survey © Crown copyright 2006
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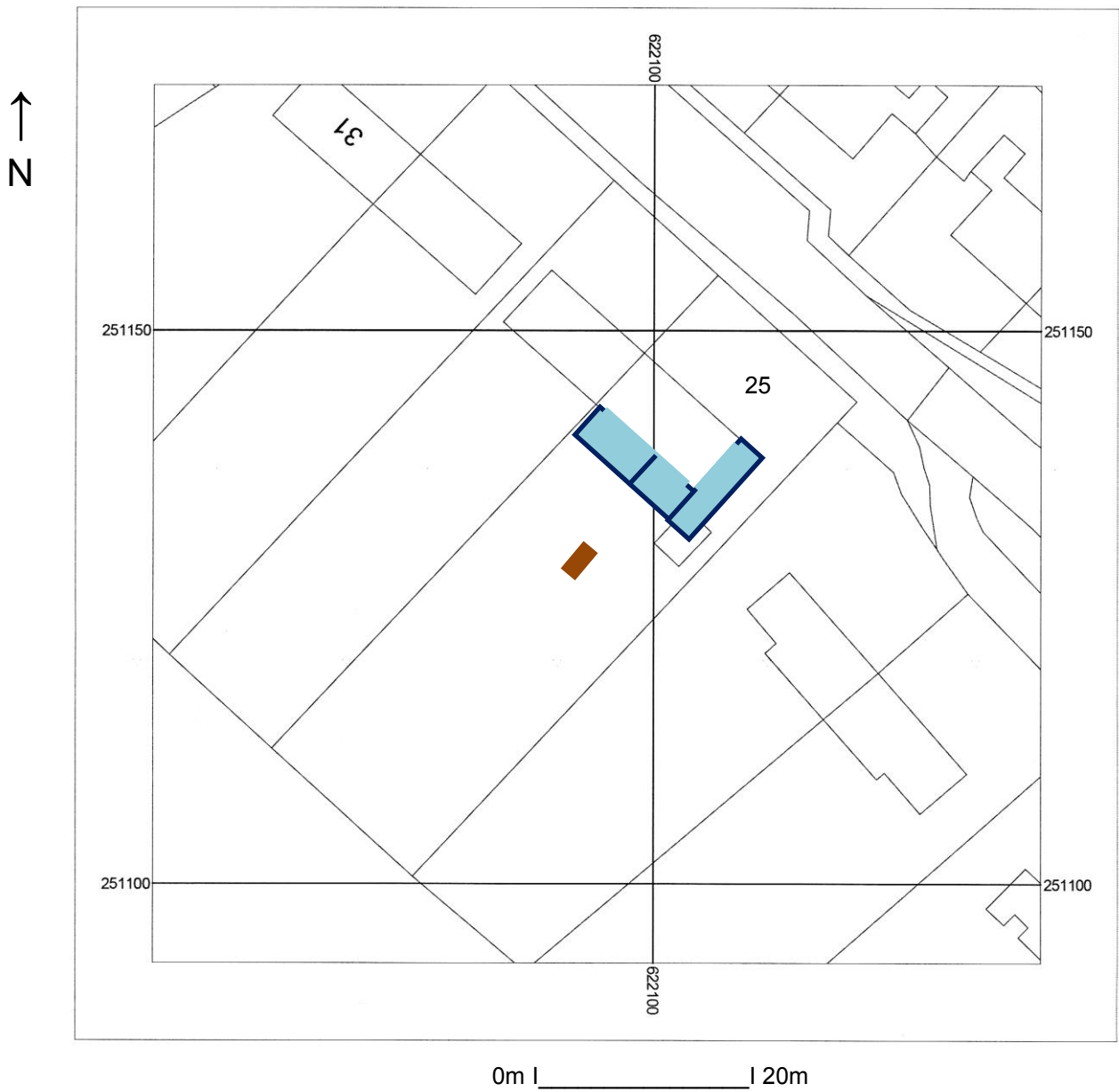
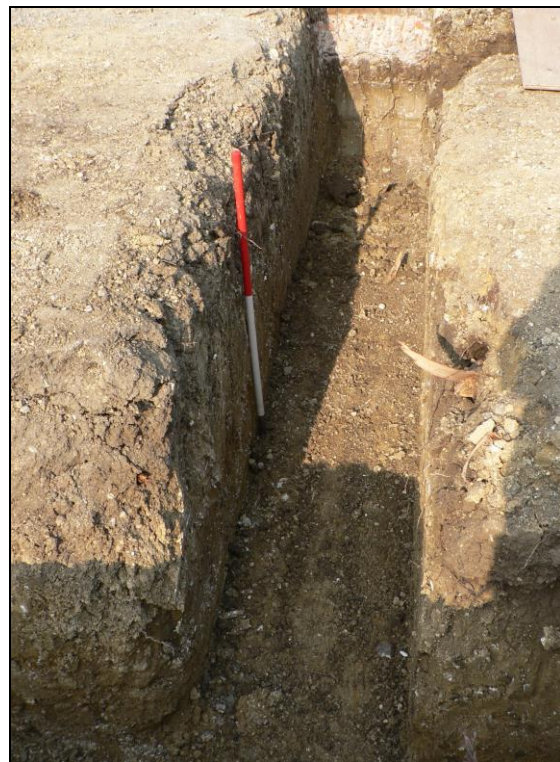


Fig. 2: Location of monitored area (dark blue- trenches, brown- soakaway)
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Appendix I- Images



Foundation trench on western side from north



Central trench from southwest



Southern trench from southwest



Deposit profile of western trench



Central trench deposit profile

**No 25 Stoney Road, Grundisburgh,
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**Written Scheme of Investigation for
Continuous Archaeological Monitoring**

Site details

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Client: Mr O Billsberry

Local planning authority: Suffolk Coastal DC

Planning application ref: DC/16/4759/FUL

Proposed development: Erection of extension

Brief ref: SCCAS Brief for Archaeological Monitoring DC_16_4759_FUL 25 Stoney Road Grundisburgh

Proposed date for ground works: tbc

Grid ref: TM 2210 5110

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1. Introduction

1.1 Mr O Billsberry has commissioned John Newman Archaeological Services (JNAS) to undertake the archaeological monitoring of ground works required under a condition for a programme of archaeological works of the planning decision notice for application DC/16/4759/FUL. This written scheme of investigation (WSI) details the background to the archaeological condition and how JNAS will implement the requirements of the Brief set by Mr J Rolfe of the Suffolk CC Archaeological Service to satisfy the condition. The WSI will also set out how potential risks will be mitigated. This proposed development concerns the erection of an extension at 25 Stoney Road, Grundisburgh.

1.2 The monitoring will be carried out to the standards set regionally in the *Standards for Field Archaeology in the East of England (EAA Occ. Papers 14, 2003)* and nationally in *Standards and Guidance for Archaeological Watching Briefs (Chartered Institute for Archaeologists 1994, revised 2001 & reissued 2014)*.

2. Location, Topography & Geology

2.1 Grundisburgh is located some 4 miles north-west of Woodbridge in south-east Suffolk with the modern village being a moderately large rural settlement close to the northern edge of the parish. The historic core to the village clusters round the parish church and the crossing point of a small stream that runs into the east Suffolk River Lark with 25 Stoney Road being some 200m north-west of the church and just over 200m north of this stream. Historically the parish church is not recorded in the Domesday Book though the settlement is in all likelihood as a subsidiary to the adjacent settlement at Burgh.

2.2 The site is close to the 35m OD contour with the ground dropping away gently to the south; soils are mixed in the area as the parish is on the boundary between the heavy clays of the Till deposits of central Suffolk and the lighter sands and gravels to the east and investigations nearby have recorded heavier clay with flints deposits and lighter sandy clay deposits.

3. Archaeological & Historical Background

3.1 To quote from the relevant Brief 'This site lies in an area of archaeological potential recorded on the County Historic Environment Record, in close proximity to a medieval and Anglo-Saxon artefact scatters (GRU 025 & GRU 026). As a result, there is high potential for the discovery of below-ground heritage assets of archaeological importance within this area, and groundworks associated with the development have the potential to damage or destroy any archaeological remains which exist.' In addition it may be noted that a small scale archaeological excavation to the rear of The Old School to the west of the church recorded activity of Saxon and medieval date (HER GRU 037).

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3.2 The Brief then confirms that while this development may reveal deposits of archaeological significance this potential disturbance to local heritage assets can be mitigated by their investigation and recording as ground works progress through a programme of continuous monitoring by an archaeologist with subsequent full reporting. In addition it may be noted that the new dwelling footprint is on the site of the existing bungalow so in all probability has already been extensively disturbed.

4. Aims of the Site Monitoring

4.1 As outlined in section 3 above the new extension area lies in a location with high archaeological potential to contain evidence of later Saxon to earlier Post medieval activity. This monitoring will aim to record all possible details relating to the depth of overburden and evidence, character and date of any past activity that is revealed.

5. Methodology

5.1 The construction method to be used on the site will be trench foundations. The excavation of the trench footings and any related ground works will be observed once they are underway and then through to completion and any up cast spoil examined for finds including scanning with a metal detector. Notice of ground works starting and then any unexpected findings will be reported back to the relevant Suffolk CC Archaeological Office. Care will also be taken to avoid damage to the site by machinery should inclement weather conditions occur. Time will be available to hand clean sections as necessary and investigate any possible archaeological deposits. As appropriate and in relation to the results a search will be commissioned from the County HER for archaeological sites and finds within 250m of the site.

5.2 Site records will be made under a continuous and unique numbering system of archaeological contexts under overall site event and HER numbers supplied by Suffolk CC. All contexts will be numbered and finds recorded by context. Conventions compatible with the county HER will be used throughout the monitoring. Site plans will be drawn at 1:20 or 1:50 as appropriate and sections at 1:10 or 1:20 (all on plastic drawing film) and related to OS map cover with the monitored footings shown. Sections will be levelled to a datum OD. A photographic record of high resolution digital images will be made of the site and exposed features.

5.3 As necessary and to define archaeological deposits exposed surfaces will be trowelled clean before recording. Archaeological deposits will be fully hand investigated and recorded within the constraints of the trench foundations with sections recorded related to the trench sides, if possible, and with levels OD. Even if no archaeological deposits are revealed every effort will be made to gain a record of the natural occurring deposits and overburden that could help in the understanding of the general history of land use and topography in the town. Where appropriate palaeoenvironmental samples (40 litre if possible) will be taken for processing and assessment by a specialist conversant with regional archaeological standards and research agendas if relevant archaeological deposits are revealed. If human burial

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evidence is revealed the SCC Archaeological Officer will be informed and a Ministry of Justice licence obtained before excavation, recording and removal of the remains and this would incur additional cost. The possibility of modifying the ground work design to leave any such remains in situ will also be examined (the potential of this site to contain burials is assessed as being low.)

5.4 All finds will be collected and processed unless any variation is agreed with the relevant SCC Archaeological Officer. Finds will be assessed by recognised period specialists and their interpretation will form an integral part of the overall report. Finds will be stored according to ICON guidelines with specialist advice/treatment sought for fragile ones. Every effort will be made to gain the deposit of the site finds to the SCC Archaeological Store under their relevant HER code and site numbering for future reference. If this is not possible then the SCC Archaeological Officer will be consulted over any requirements for additional recording. Any discard policy will be discussed and agreed with the relevant Archaeological Officer at Suffolk CC and any potential Treasure Act finds will be reported to the local FLO within 14 days.

5.5 An archive of all records and finds will be prepared consistent with the principles in *MoRPHE* and this will be deposited with the Suffolk CC HER within 3 months of working finishing on site under the relevant HER number. As necessary the site digital archive will be deposited with the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) within the agreed allowance for the monitoring and reporting works.

5.6 The monitoring report will be consistent with the principles of *MoRPHE* and this report will summarise the methodology employed and relate the archaeological record directly to the level of visibility allowed by the operation of plant given the nature of the underlying natural deposits. The report will also give an objective account of the deposits and stratigraphy recorded and finds recovered with an inventory of the latter. Any interpretation of the monitoring results will be clearly separated from the objective account of the monitoring and its results. The report will give a clear statement regarding the results of the site monitoring in relation to both the more detailed aims in section 2 above and their significance in the context of the Regional Research Framework (EAA Occ. Papers 3, 8 & 24 1997, 2000 & 2011). An unbound draft copy of the report will be presented to the Archaeological Service at Suffolk CC within 3 months of the completion of the site works. Once accepted a bound hard copy will be provided plus another for the County HER, a copy will be sent to the client so they can gain discharge of the relevant condition. The project will be registered on the OASIS online archaeological record before site works start followed by submission of the final draft in .pdf format. An HER summary sheet will be completed and a summary prepared of any positive results for inclusion in the annual PSIAH round-up.

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6. Risk Assessment

6.1 Protective clothing will be worn on site (hard hat, high visibility vest/coat, steel-toe cap boots & ear muffs if required). A safe working method will be agreed with the contractors on site in order to maximise access to disturbed ground and up cast spoil while at the same time allowing efficient use of plant. Suitable clothing will be available to mitigate against extremes of weather.

6.2 Vehicles will be safely parked away from work areas and lines of access.

6.3 Before work on site starts any special requirements regarding potential site contamination will be discussed with the client and any ground test reports examined. Gloves and hand wash/wipes be available and any information on possible ground contamination will be passed to finds and environmental specialists. The potential for services in the area will be discussed with the client and their contractor.

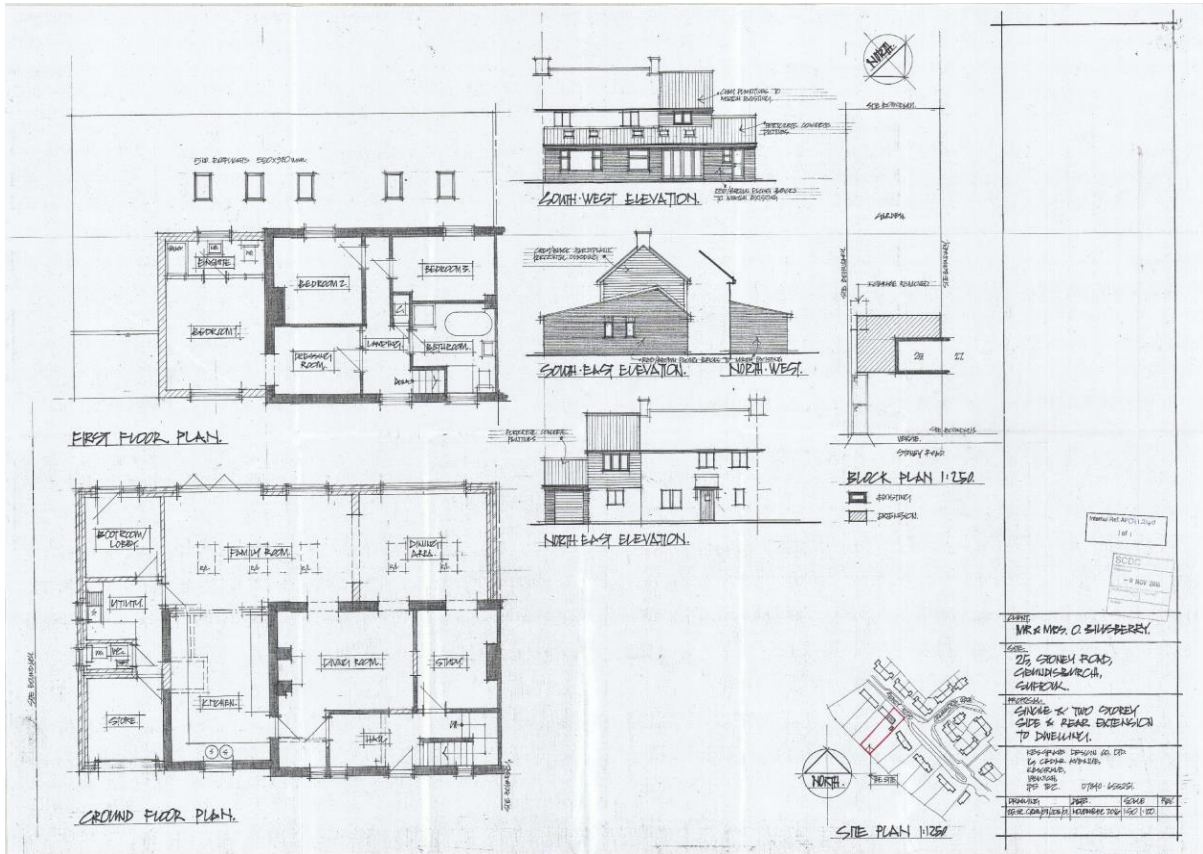
6.4 A fully charged mobile phone will be carried and a first aid kit will be taken to site.

6.5 Deep holes/trenches will only be entered if assessed to be safe and after consultation with the contractor on site, they will not be entered if no-one else is in the vicinity.

6.6 JNAS holds full insurance cover for archaeological site works from the specialist provider Towergate Risk Solutions covering Public & Products Liability, details can be supplied on request.

7. Specialists

Conservation:	Conservation Services
Faunal remains:	J Curl (Sylvanus Archaeology)
Human remains:	S Anderson (Freelance)
Palaeoenvironmental samples:	V Fryer (Freelance)
Pre-historic flint:	S Bates (Freelance)
Pre-historic pottery:	S Percival (Freelance)
Post Roman ceramics & CBM:	S Anderson (Freelance)
Roman period ceramics	S Benfield (CAT)
Post Roman small finds:	JNAS



Planned new extension area

OASIS ID: johnnewm1-279003

Project details

Project name No 25 Stoney Road, Grundisburgh, Suffolk- Archaeological Monitoring Report

Short description of the project Grundisburgh, 25 Stoney Road (GRU 057, TM 2210 5114) monitoring of ground works for an extension on the north-western side of the village did not reveal any archaeological features or finds.

Project dates Start: 14-03-2017 End: 28-03-2017

Previous/future work No / No

Any associated project reference codes ESF 25472 - HER event no.

Any associated project reference codes GRU 057 - Related HER No.

Any associated project reference codes DC/16/4759/FUL - Planning Application No.

Type of project Recording project

Site status None

Current Land use Other 5 - Garden

Monument type NONE None

Significant Finds NONE None

Investigation type ""Watching Brief""

Prompt Planning condition

Project location

Country England

Site location SUFFOLK SUFFOLK COASTAL GRUNDISBURGH No 25 STONEY ROAD

Postcode IP13 6RD

Study area 40 Square metres

Site coordinates TM 2210 5114 52.113353360593 1.244173617154 52 06 48 N 001 14 39 E Point

Height OD / Depth Min: 37m Max: 38m

Project creators

Name of Organisation John Newman Archaeological Services

Project brief originator Local Authority Archaeologist and/or Planning Authority/advisory body

Project design originator	John Newman
Project director/manager	John Newman
Project supervisor	John Newman
Type of sponsor/funding body	Landowner
Project archives	
Physical Archive Exists?	No
Digital Archive recipient	Suffolk CC Archaeological Service
Digital Contents	"none"
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