

# Haverhill Town Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

### PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at 7.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill CB9 8AR



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:** Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)  
Councillor T Chivers (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor J Crooks  
Councillor Q Fox  
Councillor I McLatchy  
Councillor B Robbins  
Councillor D Roach  
Councillor C Turner

**Absent:** None

**In Attendance:** Mayor B McLatchy  
Councillor A Bramwell  
Councillor J Burns  
Councillor M Byrne  
Councillor A Williams  
Colin Poole (Town Clerk)

6 members of the public were present.

#### **Welcome:**

Councillor Hanlon welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised members of the public attending that the meeting was being recorded.

#### **ACTION**

**P15     Apologies for Absence**

/071     No apologies were given.

**P15     Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**

/072     No declarations were made and no requests for dispensation had been received.

**P15     Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

/073     Councillor Byrne's non-pecuniary interest in item 1 on List B of the Planning List, should have read a family member is a volunteer of the Gymnastic Club, not employee.  
Subject to the above change, the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed as a true record.

**P15     Matters Arising from the Minutes**

/074     None.

**P15     Adjournment**  
**/075     See appendix 1.**

**P15     Havebury Housing Solar PV Project**  
**/076     Havebury Housing advised the Council as a courtesy, that they were**  
intending fitting 2,000 properties in their portfolio with solar photo-  
voltaic panels, to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and  
assist in a reduction in tenant's energy bills.

Following a discussion on the merits of solar power and the project, it  
was proposed by Councillor C Turner, seconded by Councillor T  
Chivers, that Havebury be asked to consider their contractors offering  
reduced rate deals to non-tenants whilst they are in the area, on  
appropriate terms. The Clerk was asked to establish how many  
Havebury properties in Haverhill were including in this plan.

**RESOLVED**

**P15     Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under**  
**/077     Delegated Powers (List A attached)**  
No applications were determined under delegated powers.

**P15     Planning Applications currently before St. Edmundsbury Borough**  
**/078     Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)**  
Applications determined by the Committee are shown on List B  
attached to the Minutes.

**P15     Planning Applications currently before St. Edmundsbury Borough**  
**/079     Council and received after publication of agenda (List C attached)**  
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attached to the Minutes.

**P15     Matters to Report**  
**/080     Councillor J Burns advised that the Chauntry Mills application is being**  
determined by the Borough Development Control Committee on  
Thursday. He expressed concern that building 8 is scheduled for  
demolition without a proper feasibility study being carried out on  
alternative uses.

Councillor Hanlon advised that the wind turbine appeal for Nosterfield  
End will soon be determined. The Town Council has reiterated its  
objection as has Councillor J Flood.

**P15     Date of next Meeting:**  
**/081     The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday**  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015.

**P15     Closure**  
**/082     The meeting was closed at 7.55pm.**

Signed .....  
**Chairman**

Date.....

## **Appendix 1**

### **Public Forum**

Mr E Goody raised the topic of the fish tackle sales van given permission by Tesco to set up shop in their car park. He was concerned that it was already difficult enough at times to park at the store and asked if the situation required planning permission, in the same way the permanent 'pods' had done. Councillor Burns noted that the planning permission for the click and collect pod, which would have permanently occupied some parking spaces, had expired without the pod being erected.

The Clerk advised that the pods were permanent, but this was sales from a van on private land. He had reported the matter to West Suffolk Planning Enforcement at the request of Councillor Hanlon and they would make a decision on the matter.

Further discussion then took place regarding the merits of the matter and whether it was another sign of Tesco gradually eroding the various conditions they consented to be bound by when gaining the original planning permission for the store. It was also mentioned that there is a breast cancer screening vehicle regularly carrying out its services in the car park, which was an example of something people wanted to happen, but was it any different from a consent standpoint. Other sales from vehicles in Haverhill were on the public highway and required a license. This was on land owned by Tesco.

The meeting noted that there was a considerable backlog in enforcement for West Suffolk, so the matter was unlikely to be resolved soon.

**List A – approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers**

No applications were determined.

**List B – To be considered at the Committee Meeting**

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
06.05.15 Expires 27.05.15	<b>1</b>	DC/15/0824/TCA	Trees in a Conservation Area Notification – sycamore (T1 on plan) – Norway maple (T2 and T3 on plan) and Lime (T4 on plan) Reduce overhanging branches by 2 metres  D Gurteens & Sons	Chauntry Mill, High Street	SUPPORT
14.05.15 Expires 04.06.15	<b>2</b>	DC/15/0951/HH	Retention of conservatory to rear  Mr Matthew Cooper	19 Bumpstead Road	SUPPORT
20.05.15 Expires 10.06.15	<b>3</b>	DC/15/0937/HH	Single storey side extension  Mrs K Cabral	28 Poplar Close	OBJECT – Request that Highways comment on the adequacy of the parking arrangements – is the parking area too short, leaving vehicles protruding out onto the narrow roadway; and the realignment of the fence – is the land in the ownership of the applicant and would the vision splay for vehicles exiting this part of Poplar Close onto the main road be compromised? The Council's objection would be withdrawn if Highways assess these points and find the proposals acceptable.

**List C – Received after production of the Agenda**

No applications were determined.