

Haverhill Town Council



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015 at 7.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill CB9 8AR

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

Absent: None

In Attendance: Councillor A Bramwell
Councillor T Brown
Councillor J Burns
Councillor M Byrne
Councillor P Fox
Councillor B McLatchy
Councillor A Williams
Councillor W Yang
Colin Poole (Town Clerk)
Vicky Phillips (Assistant Town Clerk)

20 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**
/083 No apologies were given.

P15 **Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**
/084 No declarations were made and no requests for dispensation had been received.

P15 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
/085 Minutes of Meeting held 2nd June 2015 were signed as a true record.

P15 **Matters to Report**
/086 Item 7 on the Agenda was brought forward to enable discussion and a report by Cllr Byrne on a successful appeal by Havebury to develop a

garage site in Nayland Road.

Cllr Byrne amplified the concerns and comments of the residents to the committee.

The residents stated that:

- The Planning Inspector had allegedly incorrectly surveyed no. 28, not no. 27 (reference paragraph 13 on his report), it was suggested by the residents that the decision may have had a different outcome had this mistake not been made.
- A green area used for children to play on would be lost.
- There was a privacy issue in that gardens would be overlooked by a balcony.

Borough Councillors present at this meeting were asked by Cllr Byrne and the residents to formally take these issues to next week's Development Committee meeting at the Borough to express the concerns of the residents.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive of Havebury, Karen Mayhew, be invited to explain to the Town Council their plans for Haverhill.

It was also agreed that the Town Council write a letter to Havebury regarding paragraph 13 on the report by the Inspector, copied to St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Proposed Cllr Crooks, seconded Cllr Roach

A letter from the Town Council to the Chair of Development Control Committee asking that Officers revisit the application and expand on it as to what should happen, i.e that Havebury are meeting the conditions set.

Proposed Cllr Turner, seconded Cllr Robbins

CLERK

P15 **Adjournment**
/087 See appendix 1.

P15 **Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under**
/088 **Delegated Powers (List A attached)**
No applications were determined under delegated powers.

P15 **Planning Applications currently before St. Edmundsbury Borough**
/089 **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**
/090 **Council and received after publication of agenda (List C attached)**
Applications determined by the Committee are shown on List C attached to the Minutes.

P15 **Date of next Meeting:**
/091 The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 14th July 2015.



P15 **Closure**
/082 The meeting was closed at 7.38pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

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Appendix 1

Public Forum

June 23, 2015 [Roger JF André]

I would request that the Town Council consider a response to Havebury Housing Association following their success in appealing the decision of SEBC to reject development of housing on the garage site at Nayland Road.

This development proposal has been considered carefully by the Town Council Planning Committee and by the SEBC Development Control Committee. Residents, Town, Borough and County Councillors have all expressed the view that this development is inappropriate and would substantially damage the residential amenities of the site.

Whilst our community appreciates the need for Havebury to make best use of it's resources and to provide sustainable, quality, affordable homes for the growing needs of our community, that requirement should have regard to the impact on the existing community.

In failing to respond to the considerable concerns, expressed by so many, Havebury is at risk of disengaging with our Town. It is unthinkable that our Town Council should continue to support any group which is so arrogantly set against the will of the community to pursue their financial ends whatever the cost to our well-being.

I would urge Councillors to consider how the Town Council might withdraw any support for Havebury in future proposals. There are many other Housing Associations operating in our town, and across our region, who manage to provide affordable homes in appropriate locations.

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	BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISION
04.06.15 Expires 25.06.15	1	DC/15/0986/HH	Single storey rear verandah Mr Whitmore	38 Calford Drive	NO OBJECTION	
08.06.15 Expires 29.06.15	2	DC/15/1034/HH	Provision of external wall insulation Mr David Harrison	47 Burton End	OBJECT: Not in keeping with existing properties and not in character for the area.	
12.06.15 Expires 03.07.15	3	DC/15/1094/HH	First floor side extension Mr & Mrs P Sutherland	15 Churchill Avenue	NO OBJECTION	

List C – Received after production of the Agenda

No applications were determined.