

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 2nd 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 5th May 2015 were agreed as a true record.

P15 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/074 None.

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

P15 /076 **Havebury Housing Solar PV Project**
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 /077 **Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached)**

No applications were determined under delegated powers.

P15 /078 **Planning Applications currently before St. Edmundsbury Borough 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 /079 **Planning Applications currently before St. Edmundsbury Borough Council and received after publication of agenda (List C attached)**

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P15 /080 **Matters to Report**

Councillor J Burns advised that the Chantry 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 /081 **Date of next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015.

P15 /082 **Closure**

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	1	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	2	DC/15/0951/HH	Retention of conservatory to rear Mr Matthew Cooper	19 Bumpstead Road	SUPPORT
20.05.15 Expires 10.06.15	3	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.