

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 8AR



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

- Present:** Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor B Robbins
Councillor L Smith
Councillor A Williams
- Apologies:** Councillor B McLatchy (Vice Chairman)
Councillor I McLatchy
- Absent:** Councillor J Crooks
- In Attendance:** Councillor A Brown
Councillor J Burns
Colin Poole, Town Clerk

2 members of the public were present.

Welcome:

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

ACTION

P18 Apologies for Absence

/011 The above apologies was noted.

P18 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/012 No declarations were made and no requests for dispensation had been received.

P18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

/013 Minutes of Meeting held 9th January 2018 were signed as a true record.

P18 Matters arising from the Previous Minutes

- /014 P18/004 — Haverhill Retail Park: Cllr Burns advised that Planning Enforcement had written to the developer and Lidl separately regarding compliance with the approved plans.
P18/008a – Withersfield Road lighting: Cllr Burns advised the programme was awaiting UK Power to complete their work, which would require road closures.
P18/008b – Cangle Junction lighting: With SCC Highways legal Department.
P18/008c – Strasbourg Square: Repairs have been commenced.

P18 Public Forum on planning matters other than applications before the

/015 committee

A resident voiced his concern in relation to the lack of press coverage for the work of the Planning Committee and the Council in general. Could the Council be more proactive and request attendance of the press so the public learned about decisions being taken about their town. Councillors agreed with these sentiments and voiced concern that there would be lack of engagement with the public if they didn't know what was being discussed and decided. The Clerk observed that both newspapers appear to get most of their news from surfing social media and therefore the Council might want to consider authorising the Clerk to use our Twitter and Facebook social media to promote meetings and attract media interest.

P18 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under
/016 Delegated Powers (List A attached)

Applications determined under delegated powers, are shown in list A attached to the minutes, see Appendix (i)

P18 Planning Applications currently before St. Edmundsbury Borough
/017 Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)

Applications determined by the Committee are shown on List B attached to the Minutes, see Appendix (i)

P18 Matters to Report

- /018**
- a) Cllr Burns advised he had reported the damaged bollard outside "By Choice" estate agency to Suffolk Highways.
 - b) Cllr Burns advised he had attended a meeting of Suffolk Highways, the Mayor (as County Councillor) and the Clerk regarding parking on Chalkstone Way, particularly by parents picking up from Westfield school, who disregarded basic road safety legislation in order to park as close as possible to the school. The meeting was to consider what works could be done to provide parking, protect the verge
 - c) Cllr Hanlon advised there were similar concerns at New Croft. Cllr Burns explained the meeting considered this issue and the use of grass reinforcement and low-level fencing as a solution.
 - d) Cllr A Brown highlighted that removal of the TRO and double-yellow lines outside the New Croft could be a low-cost alternative. There were issues on persuading Highways to pay for the legal costs ahead of the commencement of civil enforcement and drivers might still cross the footpath and park on the verge.

P18 Date of next Meeting

/019 The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 13th February 2018 at Haverhill Arts Centre.

P18 Closure

/020 The meeting was closed at 19.54pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

List A – Approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION

List B – Considered at the Committee Meeting

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
09.01.18 Expires 30.01.18	1	DC/18/0028/CLE	Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Use or Development 3 no. two bed houses and 14 no. two bed flats and vehicular access Freshwater Estates	Land off York Road (to rear of 93-113 Burton End)	The Council agree with the applicant's assertion that the development has been in existence over 10 years.
15.01.18 Expires 05.02.18	2	DC/18/0043/HH	(i) front porch; (ii) replace door with window; (iii) low pitch roof Matt McBrien	24 Arrendene Road	No Objection
15.01.18 Expires 05.02.18	3	DC/17/2561/OUT	(Means of Access to be considered) – 1 no. detached dwelling Mr Tom Archer, Winston Hamlet Ltd	Development site 5, Wrattling Road	The Council objects to this application on the following grounds: 1 – Lack of Parking – the site was subject to a previous application, DC/15/0237/FUL for a seven-bed house of multiple occupation. This was rejected on the grounds of insufficient parking and amended to provide 5 bedrooms for which 3 parking spaces were required. This new application seeks to utilise 0.5 of one of those spaces to facilitate the 2 bedrooms previously rejected for this site. It would be an outrageous precedent for an applicant to be permitted to count the

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					<p>same parking spaces over again for adjacent applications.</p> <p>2 – Overdevelopment of the site reducing amenity space for No5 Wrating Road. Public health should be asked to comment on the amount of space left for the HMO by sub-dividing this plot as well as the amount of amenity space provided for the conversion of the garage.</p> <p>3 – The access is over a private track which already has extensive use arising from previous developments on Les Ager Close, these development themselves raised questions of access for emergency services and the traffic generated. This is yet another strain on the road.</p> <p>4 – Highways should be asked to comment on the suitability of the entrance to this private road for further development, in the light of the increase in traffic from the recently approved NW Haverhill and NE Haverhill developments, which sequentially need to be taken into account when considering means of access.</p>

