

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Held remotely on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.00pm



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Present: Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor A Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor J Crooks
Councillor B Davidson
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor D Smith
Councillor A Stinchcombe

Apologies: Councillor L Smith

In Attendance Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Vicky Phillips, Assistant Clerk
Councillor J Burns

There were 2 members of the public present.

Welcome:

1. Councillor P Hanlon welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded. **To note that this Working Party has no delegated authority and may only make recommendations to Full Council. Urgent actions may be taken under delegated authority given to the Clerk and Chair.**

P21 Apologies for Absence

/167 The above apologies of absence were noted.

P21 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/168 Councillor Stinchcombe declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/21/1564/FUL

P21 Minutes of the Meetings held 21st September 2021

/169 Councillor D Smith proposed, Councillor A Luccarini seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 21st September 2021 were approved as a true record by show of hands. All in favour. **RESOLVED**

P21 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/170 P21/150 Clerk had previously circulated reply from Enforcement Officer to members. The Officer was aware of the complaint and had contacted the developers. Any further issues should be submitted online.
P21/160 Councillor Stinchcombe asked if a response had been sent from the Council regarding West Suffolk Local Plan. C Poole confirmed that this had been discussed at Full Council and a response had been submitted.

P21 Street Naming, Phase 2b, Persimmon Hones

/171 It was proposed by Councillor Stinchcombe and seconded by Councillor Crooks that the suggestions circulated by Charli Glasswell be agreed, with one recommendation to remove Hutchinson and include Corlett- (Edmund Murray) instead which would keep to the World War theme. Hutchinson could be used on future schemes.
RESOLVED, All in favour.

Clerk

P21 Planning Policies

/172 C Poole shared with members a draft of the Position Statement Policy that he had started to put together. The Clerk had been asked to create a Position Statement policy by members of the planning working party. Members had decided that the council needed a position statement to put to developers submitting applications which would further impact on the NHS provision in Haverhill.

Following discussions at a subsequent Energy and Sustainability meeting, which covered sustainable requirements for future buildings in Haverhill and the lack of transport infrastructure, members requested that these issues be added to the planning position statement.

Members discussed in depth the content of the draft policy and on how best to word the document to give a strong stance. It was decided that C Poole will continue to work on the document along with Councillor Stinchcombe to produce the best possible document and that the document would ultimately be provided to the local authority to be included in the local plan.

Proposed A Stinchcombe, seconded T Brown, All in favour.

P21 Planning Conditions,

/173 Further to the email response from R Almond, circulated prior to the meeting, it was proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Stinchcombe that the Clerk again contact R Almond's with further concerns on her initial response. Standard conditions could be easily incorporated in the applications.

Clerk

P21 Public Forum on planning matters other than applications before the committee

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- Mr and Mrs Ford thanked the Town Council for organising that meetings are available to be viewed on YouTube.
 - Mr Ford raised that Persimmon had claimed that they were unaware of the issues raised regarding Anne Suckling Road, although both the public and HTC had objected. Councillor Burns explained that around 2017 Persimmon did not own the land and may not have been aware at the time, although were fully aware now.

P21 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached)

/175 Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair are shown on List A attached to the Minutes, see Appendix (i)

P21 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)

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

P21 Matters to Report

/177 Councillor Hanlon reported that LED Lighting is being put in around Haverhill.

Councillor Burns reported:

- Starting next Monday temporary traffic lights are being put in at the mini roundabout near Westfield School, next to the Gt Wilsey Park development. This is the start of drainage in the main site being connected to the sewage system. A controlled pedestrian crossing will be installed. Works will be done on the grass verge and will be there for about 7 weeks. The week after, an Auger operation (drilling) will be taking place for the rebuilding of the roundabout. Early January, to mid April traffic lights will be installed for the widening of the roundabout.
- The Planning Officer for the Gt Wilsey development along Chalkstone Way has some concerns that although the construction management plan had not yet been approved building had started, although this was just a legality.
- An open day for the new homes on the Gt Wilsey site along the A143 will be taking place on 23rd October.
- There had been no further contact from the developers of the Vixen Pub and that the planning application for the site has now expired. WSC are trying to contact the developers to find out their plans for the site. The legal right of way and lighting in the car park still needs to be sorted out.

P21 Date of next Meeting

/178 The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be 19th October 2021

P21 Closure

/179 The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

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 Working Party

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
16.09.21 Expires 07.10.21	1	DC/21/1716/RM	Submission of details under outline planning permission DC/16/0473/OUT – the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the construction of up to 30 dwellings, associated garages, ancillary development and public open space. Balford Beatty Homes	Development Land Brickfields Drive	

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
<p>OBJECT</p> <p>The suggested use of Hales Barn Road for the construction phase of the proposed 30 dwellings would cause serious issues. It would be impossible for HGV's to negotiate around existing resident's vehicles which park along Hales Barn Road and at the junction of Brickfields Drive and Hales Barn, effectively making this a single track road. How will this be dealt with without reducing the amenities of existing residents?</p> <p>A lot has changed since outline planning permission was granted, the proposal will add pressure to an already struggling health and dentistry provision which has declined in recent years.</p> <p>Vision 2031 documents statement outlines the need for building sustainable buildings. Aspiration1 'every resident has sustainable home'. There has been a climate emergency declared since outline approval and the application shows no future proofing for sustainable homes. There has been no provision for heat pumps, oversized radiators or solar panels outlined in the drawings.</p> <p>'Aspiration 9, Congestion is managed and reduced'. There are no bus routes or bus service provided in this area, shops and services are in the town centre so cars will need to be used.</p> <p>EV charging points have not been provided or shown to be a distance from properties.</p> <p>Comments from Strategic Housing Officer have been concerns have been noted on NDSS</p> <p>Proposed Councillor T Brown, seconded Councillor D Smith – all in favour.</p>					
17.09.21 Expires 08.10.21	2	DC/21/1759/HH	Car port to front elevation	Meovoto Hill Crescent	NEUTRAL Proposed A Stinchcombe seconded P Hanlon
27.09.21 Expires 18.10.21	3	DC/21/1754/HH	Dropped kerb and driveway	1 Abbotts Road	NEUTRAL Proposed B Davidson, seconded T Brown
29.09.21 Expires 13.10.21	4	DC/21/1564/FUL	All-weather multi-use games area (MUGA) on existing school field Burton End Primary Academy	Burton End Primary Academy, School Lane	SUPPORT Proposed T Brown, seconded Councillor D Smith