

# Haverhill Town Council

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

### PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Held remotely on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Apologies:** Vicky Phillips, Assistant Clerk  
Councillor J Crooks

**In Attendance** Colin Poole, Town Clerk  
Alisha Jenkins, Office Administrator  
Councillor J Burns

There were 1 member of the public present.

#### **Welcome:**

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**

/201 The above apologies of absence were noted.

#### **P21 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**

/202 Councillor P Hanlon declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/21/2052/HH.

Councillor D Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/21/2052/HH.

Councillor L Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/21/2052/HH.

#### **P21 Minutes of the Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

/203 Councillor L Smith proposed, Councillor T Brown seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 were approved as a true record by show of hands. All in favour.

**RESOLVED**

#### **P21 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

/204 There were no matters arising.

**P21 /205 Public Forum on planning matters other than applications before the committee**

None.

**P21 /206 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached)**

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

**P21 /207 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District 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)

**P21 /208 Matters to Report**

Councillor J Burns reported that the Dementia Village application has been approved.

1-5 High Street (the old Argos building) the previous application for the change of use into residential flats has been withdrawn and a new application which looks identical to the previous one has been submitted.

Councill P Hanlon reported complaints have been raised regarding the LED street lamps which are leaving walkways dark, but roadways are being prioritised over walkways.

Councillor A Stinchcombe reported a street lamp on Chalkstone Way where the light was being obstructed by a tree but did not meet the requirements to be resolved.

**P21 /209 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Planning Working Party will be 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**P21 /210 Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.05pm

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
01.11.21 Expires 22.11.21	<b>1</b>	DC/21/1880/VAR	TPO 519 (2010) Tree preservation order - one Sycamore (on plan within W1 on order) fell  Hannah Wright	22 Rovers Way	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor D Smith, seconded B Davidson <b>RESOLVED</b>
02.11.21 Expires 23.11.21	<b>2</b>	DC/21/2017/HH	a. two storey side and rear extension; b. first floor terrace c. conversion of loft to habitable space  Mr Fawad Rahimi	27 Hazel Close	OBJECT The town council object to this application for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site overdeveloped</li> <li>- Lack of parking</li> <li>- Overlooking</li> <li>- In support of neighbour comments</li> </ul> Proposed Councillor P Hanlon, seconded Councillor T Brown <b>RESOLVED</b>
04.11.21 Expires 25.11.21	<b>3</b>	DC/21/1987/HH	Dropped kerb to facilitate extension of neighbouring single driveway to a shared double driveway  Mrs Denise Pannell	34 Recreation Road	NEUTRAL The town council would like more information for this application, there are no dimensions on the site plans nor any comments of whether

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					the dropped kerbs will be joint to the neighbours or separate.  Proposed Councillor D Smith, seconded Councillor A Stinchcombe <b>RESOLVED</b>
12.11.21 Expires 03.12.21	<b>4</b>	DC/21/2052/HH	Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory  Julie Stroud	123 Withersfield Road	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor A Stinchcombe, seconded Councillor B Davidson <b>RESOLVED</b>
15.11.21 Expires 06.12.21	<b>5</b>	DC/21/2072/HH	a. install two French doors to rear elevation following removal of two windows b. three bay cartlodge  Mr D Earley	Chapel Farm Cottage, Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wrattling	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor A Stinchcombe, seconded Councillor T Brown <b>RESOLVED</b>
15.11.21 Expires 06.12.21	<b>6</b>	DC/21/2073/LB	a. install two French doors to rear elevation following removal of two windows b. three bay cartlodge  Mr D Earley	Chapel Farm Cottage, Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wrattling	NEUTRAL The town council noted that the pictures in the design statement were poor as members could not zoom into the pictures without pixilation. Members did not feel as though they had enough understanding or detail to comment. The proposed doors are not in keeping with the building The members support the Conservation Officers

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					comments.  Proposed Councillor A Stinchcombe, seconded Councillor T Brown <b>RESOLVED</b>
15.11.21 Expires 06.12.21	<b>7</b>	DC/21/2255/DE1	Demolition of one dwelling  Silverley Properties Ltd	27 Clements Lane	Please see below.

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<p>The town council STONGLY OBJECT this application.</p> <p>Mr Espin:  A similar application was raised in April to the development committee by the previous owner which was refused on the grounds of a loss of a local heritage. The property has been left neglected for years to reduce the value of the property.  A formal demolition notice has not been given to the residents of Clements Lane, including those in the proximity of the property, which limits local opinion and comments against the proposal.</p> <p>Plans proposed include the demolition of the building using the land to build three further properties, which would be an overdevelopment of the site, there is limited access to the site and there is a lack of parking available.</p> <p>The town council support the comments made by Mr Espin, echoing that the property is a non-designated asset to Haverhill and would rather see the building restored.</p> <p>Councillor A Luccarini has emailed the case officer for more information.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor L Smith and seconded by Councillor A Stinchcombe to write a letter of complaint to the West Suffolk Planning Department regarding the lack of formal communication to the local residents regarding the proposed demolition.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>The town council agree that by separating the demolition from the planning application serves to confuse the issue and leave no consideration of the actual plans for the land.</p> <p>The town council are in support of the comments made by Mr Espin during the Planning Working Party and support the comments made by neighbours on the planning portal.</p> <p>There has been no obvious changes to this application proposed to the one submitted before therefore the Town Council's objections stand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is insufficient parking.</li> <li>- The Town Council ask whether the application complies to Policy DM 2 Character of the Area, as the buildings are out of keeping with existing cottages and the one being demolished</li> <li>- Additionally, access to the site is too narrow and this is made worse by existing residents using the drive to park their vehicles.</li> <li>- The property is a residential amenity as it is a non-designated asset to Haverhill.</li> </ul> <p>Proposed by Councillor T Brown seconded by Councillor B Davidson</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b></p>					