

# Haverhill Town Council

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

### PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Held remotely on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 7.10pm



HAVERHILL  
TOWN COUNCIL

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

**Apologies:** Councillor J Crooks  
Councillor B Davidson

**Absent:** Councillor A Luccarini

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

There were 0 members 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**

/222 The above apologies of absence were noted.

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

/223 Councillor P Hanlon declared a non-pecuniary interest in item P21/ 228 - 1 DC/22/2248/FUL further details under Appendix II.

#### **P21 Minutes of the Meetings held 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

/224 Councillor T Brown proposed, Councillor A Stinchcombe seconded that subject to minor amendments, minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were approved as a true record by show of hands. All in favour.

**RESOLVED**

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

/225 Councillor A Stinchcombe proposed, Councillor T Brown seconded to make a minor amendment to item P21/219. All in favour.

**RESOLVED**

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

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None.

**P21 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under**  
**/227 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 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council**  
**/228 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 Matters to Report**

**/229** Councillor J Burns

Reported that a burst water main has resulted in additional mud on the road at the Gt Wilsey development along Chalkstone Way. There have been road cleaners to help keep the road clear and safe from mud flowing from the site down Millfields Way. Councillor Burns will monitor the situation of the Christmas period.

Councillor D Smith

- Reported that West Suffolk Council planning have decided that there was no decision to be made on 27 Clements Lane and that this building will be demolished.
- 27 Hazel Close has been approved.
- Rose Bank Burton End has been refused due to impact on local residents.

Councillor T Brown

Reported that he has looked into the delegation report for 27 Hazel Close. Concerns raised by the Town Council will be dealt with by enforcement.

**P21 Date of next Meeting**

**/230** The next meeting of the Planning Working Party will be 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**P21 Closure**

**/231** The meeting was closed at 8.15pm

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
03.12.21 Expires 24.12.21	<b>1</b>	DC/22/2248/FUL	a. two storey entrance building, with walkway canopy and roof mounted photovoltaic panels to provide new sixth form seminar rooms, meeting rooms, front office and cafe; b. two single storey blocks with roof mounted photovoltaic panels to provide engineering and art classrooms; c. one single storey block with roof mounted photovoltaic panels to provide dance classrooms/ facilities (for use also by the community); d. extensions to Drama and Music block, to provide entrance lobby and to extend stage and drama facility (for use also by the community); e. external alterations to Drama and Music block, including Air Handling Unit and ductwork; f. circular courtyard with canopied roof; g. associated landscaping works, including enclosed sixth form garden, SUDs drainage and pond, and emergency and maintenance access route through site  Mr Andrew Hunter, Unity Schools Partnership	Samuel Ward Academy, Chalkstone Way	NEUTRAL  Proposed LS, seconded TB

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<p>The Working Party is supportive of the project, which would be an asset to the town, but would like to raise a few concerns on the application including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposal will need a comprehensive construction development plan. The plan must take into account the accumulative affect on traffic on Chalkstone Way to include any increase associated to the Redrow Housing site. Consideration must be given to HGV's using Chalkstone Way at certain times of the day, especially during school drop off and pick up times, when there is already heavy traffic and congestion.</li> <li>- The land proposed was specified by Sport England to be retained as recreation sporting facilities as compensation for the previous block D being built on a sports pitch.</li> <li>- Sound insulation should be to a high standard to minimise disturbance to neighbours.</li> </ul>					
03.12.21 Expires 24.12.21	<b>2</b>	DC/21/2313/FUL	a. new openings on the ground floor east elevation for 11 windows and one door; b. infill of doorway on North elevation	1-3 High Street	NEUTRAL  Proposed AS, seconded LS
<p>The Town Council proposed a NETURAL stance, however, would like the following to be noted and addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Town Council supports the comments made by Highways regarding the opening of windows inwards. It was noted that the current building design uses sash windows, it was suggested that for ease of egress in an emergency, the proposal could continue the use of sash windows.</li> <li>- It was unclear from the drawing the width of the door, therefore, the Town Council request that the door meets minimum size standards for wheelchair access.</li> </ul>					
07.12.21 Expires 28.12.21	<b>3</b>	DC/21/2229/OUT	(Means of access and appearance to be considered) one dwelling with associated access	Land South of Chapel Farm, Anne Sucklings Lane	OBJECT  Proposed PH, seconded LS
<p>The Town Council OBJECT to this application for the follow reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The proposal is contrived and an overdevelopment of the site</li> <li>- The proposal will adversely affect Chapel Farm Cottage</li> <li>- The Town Council note and support the comment by SCC Highways on the visibility and agree this should be provided. It should also be noted that the proposal will access onto what will become a major route. Future traffic from the proposed Persimmon site has not been taken into consideration and the proposal will add to an already congested road.</li> <li>- The house will be at minimum size regulations</li> <li>- The proposal shows a 2/3 bedroom house, if confirmed as 3 bedroom there is a lack of sufficient parking</li> <li>- The areas amenities are too small.</li> </ul>					
15.12.21 Expires 05.01.22	<b>4</b>	DC/21/2352/HH	a. single storey rear extension; b. new window to side elevation of existing dwelling	44 Brickfields Drive	NEUTRAL  Proposed DS, seconded LS

(Appendix II)

Councillor P Hanlon:

Would like to speak in support of the DC/22/2248/FUL application but will not take part in the discussion or vote.

This item will be a great asset to A-Level students who would want to go to sixth form and not need to travel out of Haverhill. As well as to help stay in Haverhill when they have completed their education the plans include new sixth form seminar rooms, meeting rooms, front office and café and will provide engineering and art classrooms and dance classrooms/ facilities (for use also by the community). Also, extensions to Drama and Music block, to extend stage and drama facility (for use also by the community).

The plans also include work for a circular courtyard and associated landscaping including an enclosed sixth form garden and solar panels to all roofing.