

# Haverhill Town Council

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

### PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Held remotely on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.15pm



**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:** None

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

There were no 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.**

#### **P22 Apologies for Absence**

/011 There were no apologies for absence, all present.

#### **P22 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**

/012 Councillor L Smith, declared a non-pecuniary interest on items P22/ 017 – Planning Application 8, as she is works at HMP Highpoint.

#### **P22 Minutes of the Meetings held 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

/013 Councillor A Stinchcombe proposed, Councillor L Smith seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved as a true record by show of hands. All in favour.

**RESOLVED**

#### **P22 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

/014 None.

#### **P22 Public Forum on planning matters other than applications before the committee**

/015 None.

#### **P22 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached)**

/016

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

**P22 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council**  
**/017 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)

**P22 Matters to Report**

**/018** Councillor J Burns

Road damage has been reported again to Suffolk County Council on Chalkstone & Millfield's Way, including damage to the speed bumps which has a part of it missing and is revealing metal. There is no further news on the roundabout.

Councillor J Burns has received an email from a staff member of Westfield School regarding the parking charges which have been introduced at New Croft HCSA. Councillor Burs has emailed Damien Parker at West Suffolk Council to request that this is looked into. Users of the ground will get a permit for 4 hours, but other users are unable to use the car park. Councillor Burns is concerned this will cause additional parking on the grass verges and suggested that Westfield allow drop off on their premises.

**P22 Date of next Meeting**

**/019** The next meeting of the Planning Working Party will be 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**P22 Closure**

**/020** The meeting was closed at 8.10pm

Signed .....  
**Chairman**

Date.....

**Appendix (i)**

**List A – Approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers**

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
28.01.22 Expires 11.02.22		DC/21/1770/FUL	a. single storey side extension with enclosed roof mounted electrical room and plant area; b. repositioning of existing access; c. solvent store enclosure; d. two carbon absorption vessels  Mr Jim Dorsett, Austin Company	K1, 5 Rookwood Way	NEUTRAL

**List B – Considered at the Working Party**

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
19.01.22 Expires 09.02.22	<b>1</b>	DC/21/2446/OUT	(all matters reserved) one dwelling and single garage.  Mr David Wilde	Land adjacent, Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wrating	NEUTRAL The Town Council reiterate comments by Public Health and Housing and conditions set by SCC Archaeology  Proposed Councillor D Smith, seconded Councillor A Stinchcombe
21.01.22 Expires 11.02.22	<b>2</b>	DC/21/2523/FUL	a. one dwelling b. detached single garage  Mr & Mrs Farenden	Faras Lodge, Anne Sucklings Lane, Little Wrating	
<p>The Town Council have noted that work has already started and therefore request immediate cessation of building work on this site.</p> <p>OBJECT Over development – given the size of the first development on this plot, there is insufficient capacity for the proposed unit Parking – inadequate provision for parking for a four bedroom property Amenity - the property is too close to the Highway; - removal of the Leylandii will cause overlooking onto neighbouring properties; - the accumulative effect of additional traffic on to Anne Suckling Road will increase issues at the junction onto Wrating Road/ Haverhill Road</p>					

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
Proposed Councillor P Hanlon, seconded Councillor L Smith					
28.01.22 Expires 18.02.22	<b>3</b>	DC/21/2486/FUL	Warehouse building for storage  Mr Neil Croft, C3 Technical Solutions	International Flavours and Fragrances, Duddery Hill	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor A Stinchcombe, seconded Councillor D Smith
31.01.22 Expires 14.02.22	<b>4</b>	DC/21/2210/TPO	Re-Consultation TPO 197 (1994) tree preservation order - one Sycamore (T1 on plan and order) - reduce crown to previous reduction points (approximately 4 metre crown height reduction and 2 metre lateral crown reduction); one Sycamore (T2 on plan and order) - fell; one Sycamore (T3 on plan and order) - prune lateral crown spread, to appropriate pruning points, to south-east to provide a maximum 3 metres clearance from roofline of number 16 Trefoil Court  Clare Quinn, Havebury Housing	8 Trefoil Court	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor B Davidson, seconded Councillor L Smith
03.02.22 Expires 24.02.22	<b>5</b>	DC/22/0121/VAR	Variation of condition two of DC/20/1592/HH to allow a. amendment of external finish of walls at first floor level from red facing brick to timber effect cladding b. omit hipped ends to pitched roof over projecting element of garage to provide lean-to roof for the a. single storey and two storey front extension b. first floor side extension above garage  Mr Mark Ager	35 Mill Hill	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor B Davidson, seconded Councillor T Brown
03.02.22 Expires 24.02.22	<b>6</b>	DC/22/0189/TCA	Trees in a Conservation Area notification – one conifer (C1 marked as red dot on plan) reduce over hanging branches on	Vale House, Hamlet Road	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor B

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
			neighbouring property (15 Beaumont Court) back to boundary line 2-3 metres  Mr Ling		Davidson, seconded Councillor L Smith
04.02.21 Expires 25.02.22	7	DC/22/0107/HH	Single storey side extension (following demolition of existing conservatory  Bradley Jenkins	47 Shetland Road	NEUTRAL  Proposed Councillor B Davidson, seconded Councillor L Smith
	8	DC/21/2418/FUL	Planning application - construction of 3 x 4 storey houseblocks, new pharmacy, property store, healthcare, education/ vocational training, kitchen, commercial workshop and laundry buildings, 3 x MUGA1s and running track, extension to gatehouse and gym within the secure perimeter fence, together with additional car parking, a new off-site property store, landscaping and external lighting	HMP Highpoint HMP Highpoint South, Haverhill Road	

Haverhill Town Council support surrounding Parish Council's objections and concerns and OBJECT to this application on the following:

#### Amenity

- The height of the proposed 4-storey house blocks will have a negative impact on the residential amenity of the properties on the Highpoint Estate which will cause overlooking and overshadowing.
- Additional security lighting will cause light pollution for residents within the perimeter and those surrounding.

#### Transport

- There is a very limited bus service, therefore most staff and visitors will arrive for work and visiting by car. This will inevitably cause an increase in the number of vehicles using the car park resulting in a negative impact on the residential amenity of the properties in Chestnut walk due to noise and light pollution. Prison staff work irregular shifts and the noise from the carpark will be constant.

#### Highways

- The existing entrance off the A143 near Stirling House is dangerous due to the poor visibility splay as it is on a blind bend, cars entering the proposed new carpark behind Chestnut Walk will increase the risk of accidents. Additionally, there are limited footpaths around the site and crossing the A143 from one side of the site to the other is currently extremely dangerous. A condition should in place to reduce the current 40mph speed limit to 30mph and the provision of a crossing.
- The roads around the estate owned by Highpoint Prison are already in a very poor state of repair, the proposal will cause a further deterioration due to increased usage. The poor state of repair of the roads is an ongoing concern for residents and this should be dealt with as part of the application as they are a risk to both road users and pedestrians.

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
Proposed Councillor T Brown, seconded Councillor L Smith					