

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Held remotely on Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 7.00pm



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

Apologies: Vicky Phillips, Assistant Town Clerk

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Debbie Deeks, Note Taker
Councillor J Burns

There was one 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.**

P22 Apologies for Absence

/071 The above apologies were noted

P22 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/072 Councillor P Hanlon a pecuniary interest in item P22/067, item 2 employee of Samuel Ward Academy.
It should be noted that Councillor Hanlon abstained from the vote but is in full support of the application.

P22 Minutes of the Meetings held

/073 Councillor E McManus proposed, Councillor Liz Smith seconded that the minutes of the meetings held 3rd May 2022 were approved as a true record by show of hands. All in favour.
RESOLVED

P22 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/074 Councillor D Smith commented on the scaffolding previously discussed and how there was now good wheelchair access in the area concerned.

P22 /075 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)

P22 /076 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)

P22 /077 Matters to Report

Colin Poole reported:

An email has been received from Beth Decan thanking everyone for the recent meeting. Suggestions were made by the working party in response to the email:

- The Clerk to ask Persimmon for advice on shopping area designs
- To provide examples of something more modern
- Emphasis should be on continued maintenance and up-keep of the centre

Also included in the email were drawings of the proposed development and the working party agreed that the previous objections with regards to the elevation were still of concern and had not yet been addressed.

P22 /078 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Working Party will be 7th June 2022

P22 /079 Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.26pm

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

List A – Approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION

List B – To be considered at the Working Party Meeting

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
27.04.22 Expires 18.05.22	1	DC/22/0637/HH	a. porch b. rooflight to front elevation c. dormer to rear elevation d. detached garage to rear (following demolition of existing garage)	9 Recreation Road	OBJECT Garage and hardstanding must be 6 metres in length as per standards. Proposed Councillor Hanlon Seconded Councillor Brown
09.05.22 Expires 30.05.22	2	DC/21/2248/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	Samuel Ward Academy, Chalkstone Way	NEUTRAL Our previous comments still stand. Land still to be left as green recreational space. Proposed Councillor D Smith seconded Councillor L Smith

			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 Unity Schools Partnership		
12.05.22 Expires 13.05.22	3	DC/22/0744/FUL	Installation of telecoms shelter and fencing VX Fibre	Street Record, Helions Park Avenue	see below
<p>OBJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sustainable, the shelter has been placed on the site without due regard to future use of the land • Not in keeping with the surrounding street scene • Shelter is within the setting of a listed building (Gurteens) <p>Proposed Councillor T Brown, seconded councillor L Smith All in favour</p>					
13.05.22 Expires 05.06.22	4	DC/22/0743/FUL	Telecommunications shelter VX Fibre	Telecommunication Cabinet, Withersfield Road	see below
<p>OBJECT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sustainable, the shelter has been placed on the site without due regard to future use of the land • Not in keeping with the surrounding street scene <p>Proposed Councillor T Brown, seconded councillor L Smith All in favour</p>					

Appendix (ii)

DC/21/2523/FUL

Members of the Public comments:

Debbie Farenden; outlined her disappointment and frustration at her planning application being rejected once again but had filed for appeal. When the land was originally purchased all matters reserved had run out in 2018 and therefore this was not sufficient to build. Debbie Farenden spoke about her financial outlay to date and difficulties with professional services which had proved to be ineffective and had provided her with incorrect advice. Debbie Farenden made a request to Fast Track her appeal, however this was rejected by the working party.

Councillor Burns; suggested that putting in revised planning application may be quicker than waiting for an appeal.

Colin Poole; suggested that she may consider removing certain items from the plan and/or making changes to ensure compliance with Planning for future approval. It was also noted that the Town Council can give non-binding planning advice if drawings are produced and shown to the Council prior to the submission of the plans.

Councillor McManus; thanked Debbie Farenden for the update.