

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Held remotely on Tuesday 20th December 2022 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
Vacancy

Apologies: None

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Clerk
Vicky Phillips, Deputy 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

/204 None, all present.

P22 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/205 None.

P22 Minutes of the Meetings held

/206 Councillor A Stinchcombe proposed, Councillor Tony Brown seconded that the minutes of the meeting held 6th December 2022 were approved as a true record by show of hands.

All in favour.

RESOLVED

P22 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/207 None

P22 DC/22/1888/FUL

/208 Members considered the suggestion from planning officer to accept cedar cladding for the refuse compound, rather than close-board as they had previously

suggested. This was considered a better option. The Clerk to remind the officer that we had commented on the disabled spaces as well.

Proposed Councillor Luccarini, seconded Councillor L Smith

All in favour

RESOLVED

Clerk

P22 /209 For members of the Public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Working Party

Appendix (ii)

P22 /210 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 /211 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 /212 Matters to Report

- i. DC/22/1447/RM – Councillor Brown reported that he had attended Development Control. The decision went against the Town Council.
- ii. DC/22/0368/OUT – Notice of Appeal – Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated the notice of appeal. It was agreed that our objections remain the same, with the addition that we reinforce the Planning Officer’s decision to refuse permission on Impact on Character, Impact on a Heritage Asset and Impact on Neighbouring Amenity.
Proposed Councillor D Smith, seconded Councillor A Stinchcombe. All in favour.
- iii. Noted

Clerk

P22 /213 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Working Party will be 17th January 2023

P22 /214 Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.33pm

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
13.12.22 Expires 06.01.23	1	DC/22/2107/FUL	Creation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with landscape bund, perimeter fencing, hardstanding areas, storage container, floodlights and access footpath Mr Peter Betts, Haverhill Community Sports Association	The New Croft, Chalkstone Way	See below:
<p>To note; a re-consultation application had been received after the agenda went out with the following amendments; 'The description has been amended to include the proposed fence and bollard lighting along the proposed footpath'. Councillor Burns commented that he had called in this application (notes attached). Councillor Brown commented that existing parking problems were horrendous, and this application would have a severe impact on neighbouring residents. There had been previous attempts to find alternative solutions to the parking problems, but these had never been followed up. Although he would not wish to hamper the application, he has major concerns. TB also raised that there would be an impact to resident's amenity through the loss of the community open space, which had been for use primarily for the residents of the Chalkstone Estate from early 1970's. Councillor Hanlon agreed with TB and JB and mentioned that he had received many complaints from neighbouring residents about vehicles parking outside their garages during pick up and drop off times for matches. Councillors were minded in general that whilst they were behind the concept of this application, an OBJECTION be submitted. Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor L Smith. All in favour. RESOLVED.</p>					
<p>OBJECT - Whilst members of the Town Council support the concept of this application, they have major concerns over parking and loss of open community space. Highways There are already major problems with parking in and around the site, with vehicles parking illegally on the grass verges and dangerously on the highway. The proposed 125 spaces is not enough to alleviate this problem.</p>					

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
Loss of Public Amenity The loss of the community open space, primarily used for recreational use by the residents of the Chalkstone Estate since the early 1970's, will have a major detrimental affect on local resident's health and wellbeing, access to opportunities for informal activities close to home and for play and social interaction.					
15.12.22 Expires 08.01.23	2	DC/22/2158/TCA	One Acer (T1 on plan) fell Mrs Tracy Faulkner, Preview Property Services	Manse Court, Hamlet Road	NEUTRAL Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Luccarini

Amy

I would like to call this in over following concerns:

a) Parking. There are already major problems with parking in and around the site with highways and grass verges trashed because the tenant fails to manage or provide enough parking. 125 spaces is just not enough even now. They were offered more land 5+ years ago but failed to do anything despite a lot of work done by Damien Parker, Tony Brown and myself. This is subject of an open complaint I made to WSC and still awaiting to hear what will be done because WSC are the owners of the land. CPE are doing their best but having 80+ vehicles illegally parked is ridiculous and should not be something CPE should have to deal with. Let alone the inability of local residents to park.

b) Floodlighting. The existing lights shine far into the distance. Measures must be out in place to ensure they are focused on the pitch. Neighbours have complained before. Yes, there is a document about intrusive lighting but must be actioned. 15m high floodlights right next to housing may not be suitable either.

c) Noise. Neighbours have complained previously about noise from this site mostly contributed by illegal tenant's contrary to the WSC lease. Having a pitch right next door to the houses will exacerbate the problem on match and training days.

d) Major reduction in land that is supposed to be for community open space and will now be unavailable for community functions. There are actually two pitches proposed in the allocation.

e) Construction Management. 0700 start is not acceptable. With only one narrow entrance I have difficulty understanding how the conflict between HGV and cars can be avoided without removing existing parking spaces. Statement that will not lead to any local parking stress is a fallacy. See (a) above