

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING WORKING PARTY

Held remotely on Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.00pm



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

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

Absent: Councillor B Davidson

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.**

P23 Apologies for Absence

/054 The above apologies were noted.

P22 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/055 None

P22 Minutes of the Meetings held

/056 Councillor L Smith proposed and Councillor Stinchcombe seconded that the minutes of the meetings held 28th February 2023 and 7th March 2023 were approved as a true record by show of hands.
All in favour.

P23 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/057 P23/050 - Item 3 - Following queries raised by Peter Betts, Councillor Hanlon reported that Mr Betts was now satisfied with the Council's comments on application DC/22/217/FUL.

P23/ Water Hall Solar Farm

058 Councillor D Smith and Councillor J Burns updated the working party following their visit to the Public Consultation event on 9th March at Sturmer Village Hall.

Councillor D Smith explained exactly where the solar farm will be sited and how much area it would cover. A link to the website had been circulated prior to the meeting showing details of the development.

The solar farm will be on a 40-year lease and would take around 6-9 months to build. The Solar Farm would not affect any Public Rights of Way and would be virtually hidden by hedgerows and landscaping. Hedgerows would be strengthened to assist wildlife. There will be no new cabling and will be connected to the National Grid. Councillor Burns reported that there is a transport plan in place.

Although there is a loss of low-grade farmland, there was a possibility for sheep to graze under the panels.

P23 /059 For members of the Public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Working Party

None

P23 /060 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)

P23 /061 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)

P23 /062 Matters to Report

Councillor Burns reported that the Children's Home application had gone to appeal

P23 /063 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Working Party will be 4th April 2023

P23 /064 Closure

The meeting was closed at 8.06pm

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
03.03.23 Expires 24.03.23	1	DC/22/1423/FUL	a. one building comprising of up to eight units for Class B2, B8 and E(g) use b. conversion of existing agricultural building for bin and cycle storage and car parking c. provision of car parking Mrs H Pelly	Great Wilsey Farm, Wilsey Road, Little Wrattling	SUPPORT Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Stinchcombe All in favour
06.04.23 Expires 20.03.23	2	22/01217/REM	Application for the Approval of Reserved Matters (in respect of Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 15/01477/OUT granted 04.10.2016 for: Construction of access road and the erection of a freestanding drive-thru restaurant with car parking, goal post height restrictor, customer order displays and associated works.	Land at Business Park	NEUTRAL Proposed Councillor Stinchcombe, seconded Councillor L Smith All in favour

09.03.23 Expires 30.03.23	3	DC/23/0348/TE1	Determination in respect of Development by Telecommunications Code systems operators – installation of a. 17 metre high slim-line monopole b. supporting six antennas c. two equipment cabinets d. one electric metre cabinet e. ancillary development CK Hutchinson Networks (UK) Limited	Grass Verge, Beaumont Vale	
OBJECT Members had serious concerns regarding the position of the proposed 17m high monopole, particularly over the proximity to residential properties and visually intrusive the pole will be on a green open space which is the gateway to a residential area. Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Luccarini All in favour					