

Present: Councillors;
K Forster, K Greenberg (Chair), K Prime, M Took.

In Attendance: N Rees (Town Clerk).

Minutes

1. Apologies: Cllrs: A Fleming, D Thomas, P Dutton, T Allen
2. Declarations of interest: None
3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2019 was accepted as a true record with the amendment that Cllr Allen was not present.
4. Matters arising from the minutes. It was noted that under 5(b) DC/19/0843/DRC, Land North of Hill Farm Road, the Council had not received any documentation from the District Council. This point was made because exactly the same situation had arisen for one of the applications being considered at this meeting, i.e. 5 (d) DC/19/1235/DRC - Land North of Hill Farm Road, consideration of reserved matters. The Clerk and Chair agreed that they could not recall another instance where this had happened but coincidentally or not, it happened twice for the same site.
5. Planning Applications: To consider the following:
 - a) DC/19/0989/FUL - Retrospective application: Conversion of a single dwelling into two semi-detached properties – White House Farm, Walpole Road. It was noted that this was a retrospective application, i.e. the work had already started and may already be completed. Whilst the Committee had no objections to the conversion and renovation of the building it was very disappointed that the applicant and/or contractor chose to ignore planning regulations. It was unlikely that the applicant and/or contractor was unaware planning permission would be required since it was also a Listed Building. It was then RESOLVED that the Committee reluctantly recommended approval but since it was a clear breach of planning control, the Committee would be interested to know if East Suffolk Council would have the means to penalise the applicant to deter others in the future.
 - b) DC/19/0897/LBC – Listed building consent – The proposal is for the retention of the works that have been carried out at White House Farm to divide the property into two semi-detached properties – White House Farm, Walpole Road. As above.
 - c) DC/19/1249/FUL – Construction of a two-storey rear extension – 14 Warwick Avenue: It was RESOLVED that the Committee recommended approval.

- d) DC/19/1235/DRC – Ditch and lagoon design and SUDS risk assessment – Land North and East of Hill Farm Road, Halesworth (DC16/5410/OUT): As noted under item 4, the Clerk had not received any plans or information on this application. The Committee members were able to view the online documents but due to the nature and complexity of the information this was not considered acceptable. It was also noted that none of the consultees, most notably SCC's Flood and Water engineers, had made any comments. It was then RESOLVED that in view of the fact that the Council and many residents had raised concerns over the effectiveness of the proposed surface water containment and its likely impact on neighbouring properties (DC/16/5410/OUT – HTC minutes 11/01/17) and that, taking into consideration there were no expert consultee comments available, and that no supporting information had been provided in paper form, or any attempt made to provide a summary of the proposals, the Committee recommended refusal.

The Clerk would write to enquire why the District Council had not provided the plans and supporting information and get assurances that this would not be repeated in future.

6. Correspondence: None

The meeting was closed at 10.50am