



Present: Councillors;

P Dutton (Chair), A Fleming, K Greenberg, M Took (arrived after item 4), D Wollweber

In Attendance: N Rees (Town Clerk), Cllr K Forster

Minutes

1. **To elect a Chair and Vice Chair.** Cllr Fleming nominated Cllr Greenberg who accepted the nomination and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Greenberg was elected Chairman. Cllr Fleming nominated Cllr Wollweber who accepted the nomination and it was RESOLVED that Cllr Wollweber was elected as Vice Chair.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr P Dutton, Cllr D Thomas, Cllr A Payne, Cllr S Leverett
3. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interests.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April 2017 was accepted as a true record.

Cllr Took joined the meeting.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes.** The Chair reported that the application DC/17/5039 for a Hand Car Wash in the Angel Link South car park was being considered by WDC's Planning Committee. The WDC officer had recommended refusal but the decision would be made by the Planning Committee. There had been many objections from the public and the Town Council had recommended refusal. It was noted that the Planning Committee meeting was on the 23rd May. The Clerk would circulate the time of the meeting as some Cllrs may wish to attend.
6. **Planning Applications:** To consider the following:
 1. DC/17/1720/FUL - To convert existing garage to kitchen and build first floor extension over to create new bedroom. - 9 Orchid Close Halesworth Suffolk IP19 8ES. It was RESOLVED that the Committee recommended **approval**.
 2. DC/17/1870/FUL - Demolition of substandard rear extensions and erection of new rear extension and internal alterations - 95 London Road Halesworth Suffolk IP19 8LS. It was RESOLVED that the Committee recommended **approval**.
 3. DC/17/1871/LBC - Listed Building Consent - Demolition of substandard rear extensions and erection of new rear extension and internal alterations - 95 London Road Halesworth Suffolk IP19 8LS. It was RESOLVED that the Committee recommended **approval**.

7. **Correspondence** – To consider any correspondence.

- a) The Clerk drew attention to a revised plan from Pegasus Planning Consultants, for the development off Roman Way. The Committee decided it needed more time to consider the information and asked the Clerk to request six more copies of the Design and Access Statement.
- b) The Clerk reported that there was an application due in for the 'Screening' of a site surrounding Town Farm, adjacent to the Campus and HPFA land. This application from Brown & Co (Norwich) was the first stage of the process to determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment was required if the land was developed for up to 200 dwellings. Not surprisingly Brown & Co suggested in the application that an assessment was not necessary. Their Clients, Richborough Estates Ltd specialised in obtaining planning permission on behalf of landowners. The Clerk explained that this application would be brought to the next Planning meeting for consideration but he wished to draw attention to it now.

Cllr Wollweber asked whether the Committee, in view of the known proposals for housing developments in the town, should consider calling a public meeting to gauge public reaction, as potentially this could result in an additional 600+ houses.

Cllr Wollweber also asked the Committee to consider whether the Council could engage the services of a professional Neighbourhood Planner.

It was agreed to firstly contact Desi Read of WDC's Planning department to set up a meeting for the purpose of 1) Following up from the previous meeting with WDC Planners, 2) Invite representatives from WDC's Planning Dept. to attend a public meeting, 3) To determine what impact and changes the Town Council should expect, in Planning terms from the merger of WDC and SCDC into the East Suffolk Partnership.

It was also agreed to contact Framlingham to ask if they could provide any advice on their Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk would also contact SALC to ask if they had any recommendations on Neighbourhood Planning consultants.

The Committee agreed that the next Forum Meeting on the 14th September would be an ideal time to hold a public meeting, solely on the subject of all the proposed new housing developments in Halesworth. It was agreed it would be very helpful if a representative from WDC's Planning dept could attend the meeting along with a representative from Suffolk County Council and/or our County Councillor Tony Goldson. This proposal would be taken to the next TDC meeting.

The meeting was closed at 11.05am