



**Present:** Councillors;

P Dutton, A Fleming, K Forster, K Greenberg (Chair), S Leverett, M Took, D Wollweber

**In Attendance:** N Rees (Town Clerk), 4 members of the public

## Minutes

1. **Apologies:** Cllr D Thomas
2. **Declarations of interest:** To receive declarations for pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests: None received.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 were accepted as a true
4. **Matters arising from the minutes.** Cllr Dutton reported on the application for a Hand Car Wash that had been refused by Waveney District Council.

The Chair asked if any members of the public wished to make any comments on the applications being considered at this meeting. One resident wished to speak on item 5b.

5. **Planning Applications:** To consider the following:
  - a) DC/17/2053/TPO | 6 x Oaks - T1 - T6 - TPO 017 Trees fronting Fairview Road junction, Halesworth Suffolk: It was RESOLVED that the Committee recommended approval with the proviso that the work should be carried out with care to avoid damage to the trees and that it should be undertaken at the right time of year.
  - b) DC/17/2068/SCO | EIA Screening Opinion - Development of land for up to 200 dwellings. | Land North and East of Town Farm, (South of Harrisons Lane) Halesworth Suffolk:

The meeting was opened to hear from a resident who expressed concerns over the access off Harrison's Lane for this possible site for 200 houses, which he considered was not adequate to deal with the additional vehicles. The Committee and the resident were fully aware that the application was for a Screening Option and not an application for 200 houses. The resident also noted that the plans showed completed buildings on the Campus site which was surprising as there had not been any planning applications at this stage. The Chair thanked the resident for his contribution.

Cllr Took reported that there had been a planning application refused on this site in the past. Cllr Leverett was of the opinion that a major application affecting the town's infrastructure and services would inevitably follow and therefore a proper Environmental Impact Assessment should be conducted. The Committee also wished to draw attention to the erroneous statements made by the applicant that 'there are no other major planning applications, etc.' which would suggest that they have not conducted their research properly. The Committee was also not convinced that a proper survey had been conducted and had concerns over protected species in this area. It was then RESOLVED that the Committee then recommended that the application for Screening is refused and that an Environmental Impact Assessment would need to be conducted on this site.

- c) DC/17/1566/FUL | Erection of external escape stair to existing unit from first floor. | 4 Broadway Drive Halesworth Suffolk IP19 8QR: RESOLVED that the Committee recommended approval.
- d) Review of the revised plans for 200 houses at Roman Way/Chediston Street, request for comments by Pegasus Group on behalf of Christchurch Land Acquisition and Development: The Committee had received the Design and Access statements but some members had not had an opportunity to study the document. It was noted that this had been deferred previously but as it was not possible to discuss the proposal any further it was agreed to defer this again, date and time TBA, but in the meantime the members of the Committee would send in their comments to try and speed up the process.

## 6. Correspondence

- a) To review the response from WDC declining a meeting with HTC. The Clerk confirmed that Desi Reed, Planning Policy and Delivery Manager for WDC, had advised that WDC were currently finalising a draft Local Plan document (Preferred Options) which would be considered by the Waveney Cabinet meeting in the next few weeks and will be followed by a period of consultation and engagement. This was intended to provide clarity on the draft proposals for Halesworth including the housing sites and the infrastructure requirements. There will be a Town Council briefing just before the consultation and exhibitions and a one to one meeting will be offered to Halesworth Town Council.
- b) To note the correspondence on Neighbourhood Planning. The Committee had received the links to all the guidance information from the Clerk. Framlingham Town Council had provided a contact name for one of their Councillors who had been involved with their Neighbourhood Plan and the Chair would be arranging a meeting shortly.

The meeting was closed at 6.35pm