



Present: Councillors;

P Dutton (Chair), A Fleming, K Greenberg, A Payne, D Thomas, M Took, D Wollweber

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

Minutes

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of interest:** Non-pecuniary interests; Cllr Took for item 5.1, Cllr Thomas for item 5.4
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th March 2017 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
5. **Planning Applications:** To consider the following:
 1. DC/17/1012/OUT - Outline Application - Construction of 22 dwellings, associated parking including garages, and associated works - Part Land South Of Fairview Farm Norwich Road Halesworth Suffolk. The Planning Committee noted the concerns of those residents and consultees that had made comments online. Aside from the additional pressures on Halesworth's infrastructure the Committee were particularly concerned with the comments made by SCC's Flood and water management regarding the intended discharge into existing 'undocumented' ditches. The Committee are aware that there has been flooding issues in the past that have affected Holton and this would add to the problem. The Committee were however mindful that this development would provide additional, more affordable housing and that it was, at this stage, an outline application. The Committee then agreed to **recommend approval with the condition that the surface water issues are properly addressed and that the infrastructure concerns with regard to roads, access, education and health, (in conjunction with any other new developments in the town) are resolved.** It was also noted that consideration should be made to effectively manage site traffic if the two developments either side of Fairview Road ran concurrently.
 2. DC/17/1141/FUL - Proposed Rear Extension - Up Country Autoproducts (uk) Ltd Units 9 And 10 Halesworth Business Centre Norwich Road Halesworth Suffolk IP19 8QJ. It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee **recommended approval.**

3. DC/17/1408/TCA -Rear garden - 4 x Conifers - Fell to ground level - 1 x Eucalyptus - Pollard to approximately 4 feet - 1 x Yew - Reduce/reshape yew tree by 1.5m - 134 Chediston Street Halesworth Suffolk IP19 8BD. **It was RESOLVED that the Committee recommended approval.**

4. DC/16/5039/COU – Change of Use from privately leased car park to hand car wash facility – The Creamery Angel Link Halesworth – Amended Plans. The Committee recommended refusal. The amendment of the height of the wash drying canopies did not address the concerns that the Planning Committee had with the original application and the reasons it recommended refusal. Further concerns were raised with regard to how and where the detergents, oil, water and waste products would be dealt with and if these would end up in the river course and the Millennium Green, which would be wholly unacceptable. The Committee noted that there had been a petition raised in favour of this application, however it was noted that the majority of signatures were from residents of other towns, Saxmundham, Leiston, Aldeburgh, Lowestoft, Campsea Ashe, etc, who reasonably, would not have been aware of the specific details of the application. The Committee would probably support an application for a hand car wash in one of the industrial areas of the town but not in this particular location. **The Committee therefore recommended refusal on the original reasons given on the 5th January, 2017 and for the additional concerns noted above.** The Committee also raised a question with regard to whether there was provision in the lease to allow the car park to be sublet, which to date has not been answered.

6. **Correspondence** – To consider any correspondence. There was no correspondence.

The meeting was closed at 6.20pm.