

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT: Peter Beer - Chairman

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| Melanie Barrett | Adrian Osborne |
| Simon Barrett | Lee Parker |
| Sue Burgoyne | Nick Ridley |
| David Busby | David Rose |
| Michael Creffield | Ray Smith |
| Derek Davis | Stephen Williams |
| Alastair McCraw | |

The following Members were unable to be present:

Michael Holt and Stephen Plumb.

56 SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES

It was noted that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.5, substitutes were in attendance as follows:-

Alastair McCraw (substituting for Stephen Plumb)
Simon Barrett (substituting for Michael Holt)

57 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

58 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

59 PETITIONS

None received.

60 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

61 SITE INSPECTIONS

The Corporate Manager – Development Management requested a site inspection in respect of Application No B/15/01043/FUL (application for residential development at Fleetwood Caravans Ltd, Hall Street, Long Melford).

Reason for site visit:-

- To assess road safety issues in relation to the existing access from Hall Street.

Prior to asking Members to vote on the request the Chairman asked the Case Officer to make a brief presentation with photographs to enable them to decide whether they considered it necessary to visit the site.

Following the presentation it was agreed to hold a site inspection.

RESOLVED

- (1) That a site inspection be held on Wednesday 4 November 2015 in respect of the above application prior to its consideration by the Committee.
- (2) That a Panel comprising the following Members be appointed to inspect the site:

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| Peter Beer | Adrian Osborne |
| Sue Burgoyne | Lee Parker |
| David Busby | Stephen Plumb |
| Michael Creffield | Nick Ridley |
| Derek Davis | Ray Smith |
| Michael Holt | Stephen Williams |
| Alastair McCraw | |

62 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION BY THE COMMITTEE

Members had before them an [Addendum to Paper R58](#) (circulated to Members prior to the commencement of the meeting) summarising additional correspondence received since the publication of the Agenda, but before noon on the working day before the meeting, together with errata.

Details of further representations from Hadleigh Town Council in respect of Item 1 of Paper R58 were reported to the meeting and taken into account before a decision was made on the item. Members noted that the applicant for Item 2 is related to a Member, as stated in the Addendum, not a member of staff.

RESOLVED

That subject to the imposition of conditions or reasons for refusal (whether additional or otherwise) in accordance with delegated powers under Council Minute No. 48(a) (dated 19 October 2004) decisions on the items referred to in Paper R58 be made as follows:-

(a) HADLEIGH

**Application No. B/15/00763/FHA
Paper R58 – item 1**

**Erection of tool shed (retention of).
Erection of a potting shed and
greenhouse. Relocation of oil tank
and insertion of an ornamental
archway, Coram Farm, Coram
Street.**

RESOLVED

That planning permission be granted.

(b) HINTLESHAM

**Application No. B/15/01254/FHA
Paper R58 – Item 2**

**Erection of detached double garage
in rear garden, Oak Cottage, Duke
Street.**

RESOLVED

**That subject to the satisfactory resolution of the outstanding issues
regarding materials the Corporate Manager - Development Management
be authorised to grant planning permission subject to conditions
including:**

- **Standard time limit**
- **Development to be implemented in accordance with the approved plans**
- **Details of the manufacturer and types and colours of the external facing and roofing materials to be used in construction are to be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works.**

Note:- Following consideration of the above applications, reference was made to the current system whereby applications from persons related to a Councillor or a member of staff were referred to Committee for a decision. Members were advised that this would be the subject of further consideration through the Planning Redesign Board.

63 PLANNING PERFORMANCE – 1 JULY 2015 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Christine Thurlow, Corporate Manager – Development Management, introduced Paper R59, which provided an overview of performance against various measures for the quarter 1 July 2015 – 30 September 2015. She referred to an error on page 3, where the second footnote should read “including applications subject to a planning performance agreement” and not “excluding”.

In response to questions from Members, the Corporate Manager – Development Management explained the increase in percentage of delegated decisions quarter on quarter, the reduction in the proportion of major applications determined on time and provided an update on pre-application charging. She also mentioned the new measures for assessing performance in the recent Bill, relating to the need to ensure that 50% or more of major cases are determined on time and that on appeal

(with major cases only) not more than 20% in total should be allowed. The Corporate Manager – Development Management also advised that the format and content of the report would be changing so as to include these new measures to include information on delivery of new dwellings.

RESOLVED

That the information contained within Paper R59 and as reported at the meeting be noted.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.35 am.

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Chairman