

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MARCH 2016

PRESENT: Peter Beer - Chairman

Sue Ayres	Michael Holt
Melanie Barrett	Adrian Osborne
Sue Burgoyne	Lee Parker
David Busby	Stephen Plumb
Michael Creffield	David Rose
Derek Davis	Ray Smith
John Hinton	

Clive Arthey, Ward Member for North Cosford, was present at the meeting and spoke on Application No. B/16/00036/FUL – [Item 1 of Paper R105](#) with the consent of the Chairman.

109 SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES

Nick Ridley and Stephen Williams were unable to be present.

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

John Hinton (substituting for Stephen Williams).  
Sue Ayres (substituting for Nick Ridley).

110 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

111 MINUTES

Members had before them the Minutes of the meeting held on [10 February 2016](#), circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting. The Chairman informed the Committee that no objections to confirmation and signing of the minutes had been received from the Members of the Committee on 10 February 2016.

The following Members abstained from voting to confirm the Minutes and in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 23.6, asked for their abstention to be recorded in the Minutes:

David Busby, Michael Creffield, Derek Davies, John Hinton, Stephen Plumb and David Rose.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

112 PETITIONS

None received.

113 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

114 SITE INSPECTIONS

Jennie Jenkins, Ward Member for Leavenheath, had requested a site inspection in respect of Application No. B/15/01348/FUL – The Barn at Assington, The Street, Assington.

Reasons for the site visit:-

- to see the rural nature of this small village and the narrowness of The Street that leads into the Barn complex
- to judge the character and the impact the development would have on the surrounding area.

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

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

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That a site inspection be held on Wednesday 16 March 2016 in respect of Application No. B/15/01348/FUL.**
- (2) That a Panel comprising the following Members be appointed to inspect the site:**

**Melanie Barrett  
Peter Beer  
Sue Burgoyne  
Michael Creffield  
Derek Davis  
Michael Holt  
Adrian Osborne**

**Lee Parker  
Stephen Plumb  
Nick Ridley  
David Rose  
Ray Smith  
Stephen Williams**

115 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION BY THE COMMITTEE

Members had before them an [Addendum to Paper R105](#) (circulated to Members prior to the commencement of the meeting) summarising additional representations and further information from the applicant received since the publication of the Agenda, but before noon on the working day before the meeting, together with errata. Details of further representations in respect of [Item 1 of Paper R105](#) were reported to the meeting and taken into account before a decision was made on the item.

In accordance with the Council's Charter on Public Speaking at Planning Committee, representations were made as detailed below, relating to Item 1 of Paper R105, and speakers responded to questions put to them as provided for in the Charter.

Application No.

Representations from

B/16/00036/FUL

Vicki Stanton (Objector)  
Hugh Bunbury (Applicant)

**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) a decision on the item referred to in Paper R105 be made as follows:-**

**MONKS ELEIGH**

**Application No. B/16/00036/FUL  
Paper R105 – Item 1**

**Full application - change of Use of land and buildings from horticultural Nursery and ancillary shop to C3 Use Class, 1 no. dwelling and domestic garden curtilage; demolition of existing rear range attached to principle barn; extension and alteration of existing barn to form 1 no. two-storey dwelling; erection of single-storey detached three-bay garage building; and construction of new vehicular access (existing access to be stopped up), former Rushbrooks Nursery Site, The Street.**

During the course of the debate on the application, and notwithstanding the officer recommendation to grant planning permission subject to the conditions set out in the report, a motion to defer consideration of the application for a site inspection was moved and carried on being put to the vote to enable Members to assess the relationship of the proposed development on the residential amenity of the neighbouring property and its boundary.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That a site inspection be held on Wednesday 16 March 2016 in respect of Application No. B/15/00036/FUL.**
- (2) That the Panel referred to in Minute No. 114 above be appointed to inspect the site.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10:10 am.

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Chairman