



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee
Held on Monday, 5 December 2016 at 6.15pm in the Town Hall**

Present:

Cllr J Burton - presiding
Cllr T Crouch
Cllr E Tyrer (arr. 6.30)
Cllr G Ellis
Cllr K Montague
Cllr V Dale
Cllr S Taylor (arr. 6.25)
Cllr M Weaver
Cllr J Williams
Cllr T Taylor (arr. 6.25)
Cllr R Bond
In attendance – Gina Lopes – Clerk to Attleborough Town Council
Trisha Drewery – Clerk's Assistant
Dist. Cllr K Martin
Dist. Cllr R Oliver
4 X Public

092.16) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted as follows:

Cllr A Perkins - Unwell
Cllr T Cobb - personal

093.16) Declarations of Interest

a) To consider declarations of interest in respect of items below

Cllr T Crouch; Item 7. Carver's Lane.

Cllr E Tyrer Item 6d. Land East of London Road (Planning Ref. No. 3PL/2016/0417/O)

b) To receive any requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest -

None received.

094.16) Public Participation

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow the public to speak – No comments received

095.16) Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 21 November 2016

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 21 November 2016 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

096.16) Decision notices received to-date

Decisions notices received as below – Noted for information

3PL/2016/1294/F – Land adjoining 3 Bracken Drive – Two storey dwelling – Refused.

097.16) Correspondence

a) New Tree Preservation Order 2016 No. 10 – Lime Trees at 47aa New North Road – Noted.

b) Warrens Lane Attleborough Housing/Burial Site Proposal (Planning Ref. No. 3PL/2016/10486/H) – discussion took place and the following points were raised:

- Dist. Cllr K Martin informed the Council that the applicant deferred at previous Breckland Planning meeting. These plans will be back on the Agenda on Monday 12 December where a decision will be made if the applicant does not defer again.
- As stated at the last meeting when considering the adjusted planning application; concerns are still ongoing regarding the land survey and the sum that the landowner may charge for the land
- Cllr Burton stated that the landowner has informed him that a thorough land survey has been done
- Cllr K Martin suggested that the Town Council ask one of the ward District Councillors to speak on their behalf at the Breckland Council meeting and state that the Town Council would consider taking the land without stipulation of use and without any cost to the Town Council.

RESOLVED that the Clerk liaise with Dist Cllr Ashby prior to the Breckland meeting.

ACTION: CLERK

c) Work to repair the A47 near Norwich; eastbound road at the A146 Trowse Interchange– Noted.

d) Land East of London Road (Planning Ref. No. 3PL/2016/0417/O) – Andrew Bingham, Engineer, East Harling Internal Drainage Board (IDB) has copied the Town Council into an email to Breckland Council's Planning Department regarding the drainage route from this land. Discussion took place and concerns were raised that Hargham Road is already susceptible to flooding.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to Breckland District Council requesting that they work with the East Harling Drainage Board and advising that the Town Council shares their concerns

ACTION: CLERK

e) Residents' comments re proposals for Blackthorn Road – discussion took place and the Clerk to write a reply stating that whilst the Council is working to acquire this land to add to the Town's green spaces, no decisions have yet been made as to the usage and to thank the resident for making comments regarding parking which will be passed to the Highways Department.

ACTION: CLERK

098.16 Traffic Issues

Cllr Weaver and Cllr Burton to report:

- **Weight restriction** – Norfolk County Council's Highways Department have stated that the proposed weight restriction is not viable as it is a 'B' road.
- **Traffic Lights proposal** – will be raised at the Attleborough Development Partnership meeting.
- **Carver's Lane** – The plans are going ahead despite Resident's comments and trees have been cut down
- **White House Lane** – Reported that Network Rail would be concerned that development would encourage use of the other railway crossing

Cllr Weaver confirmed that he wrote to the Norfolk County Council's Highway's Department regarding his concerns about Heavy Goods Vehicles going through the

Town asking for a weight restriction. He has received a response from Mr Paul Sellick, Norfolk County Council Highway Engineer for Attleborough informing him that the letter was forwarded to the Strategic Planning/Design Team looking at growth structure in Attleborough. Mr Sellick apologised that there would not be any immediate action regarding solutions; saying that the road study will be able to consider the movement of Heavy Goods Vehicles around the Town.

Councillors discussed the traffic issues, stating that these will become worse as the Town develops and Cllr Burton stated that he would be happy to call a public meeting with residents to discuss traffic issues but was unsure how productive that would be.

An alternative option would be for the Town Council to contact a higher level of management at Norfolk County Council's Highways to discuss the ongoing concerns.

Cllr Tyrer stated that the developers need to provide an integrated plan showing intended traffic flow, how walking and cycling comes in; to include how these will be funded. Once the plan is produced Norfolk County Council and Attleborough Town Council will have a clear understanding of any implications and how the plans fit together. The Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan has a Transport and Communications Policy within it (Theme 3, No. 1).

Concerns were raised regarding the Local Government Assistance Programme (LGAP) spending £4.6m which developers should fund as mitigation measures.

Suggestions were made that the Town Council, through the Attleborough Development Plan, should ask Norfolk County Council whether they are going to address the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan transport policy.

To be discussed at the next Planning Meeting and Mr Paul Sellick and the Strategic Growth Team to be invited to attend

ACTION: CLERK

099.16) Planning Applications received to-date

Members considered the following planning applications and

RESOLVED to recommend as below: -

3PL/2016/1313/D– Woods View Poplar Road – Revised Access to Accord with Outline Approval - Erection of dwelling – no objections.

3PL/2016/1398/HOU – 12 Larch Close – Single Storey Front Extension – no objections.

100.16) Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 9 January 2017

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm