



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee
Held on Monday, 19 September 2016 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall**

Present:

	Cllr J Burton - presiding	
Cllr T Crouch	Cllr S Taylor	Cllr T Taylor
Cllr V Dale	Cllr J Williams	Cllr K Montague

In attendance – Gina Lopes – Clerk to Attleborough Town Council
Anne Willett – Clerk’s Assistant
Dist. Cllr K Martin
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050.16) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted as follows:

Cllr M Weaver	-	family commitment
Cllr E Tyrer	-	family commitment
Cllr G Ellis	-	unwell

051.16) Declarations of Interest

a) To consider declarations of interest in respect of items below – none received

b) To receive any requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – none received

052.16) Public Participation

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow the public to speak –
Please see “Public Participation Notes” attached.

053.16) Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 5 September 2016

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 5 September 2016 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

054.16) Decision notices received to-date

None received at this time

055.16) Correspondence

a) Planning Appeal to the Secretary of State – Appeal No.

APP/F2605/W/16/3154572 (Planning Application Ref No. 3PL/2016/0037/O)
Homestead Ellingham Road – Erection of 4 detached dwellings – Noted for information

b) Neighbourhood Plan and Highways Meeting with NCC - Cllr Burton reported on the meeting held with Ian Parkes, NCC, and a written report from Mr Parkes was considered. Several concerns were raised regarding the accuracy of the plans and whether the proposals would reduce congestion within the town.

RESOLVED that that all councillors should be sent the report for consideration and then members should forward their comments to the Clerk for a response to be sent to Mr Parkes regarding the proposals

c) Pixie Paddocks, Leys Lane – Cllr Burton reported that he had been approached by Mr Barbuck of Patterson Design regarding the proposed development at Pixie Paddocks. Cllr Burton suggested that the developer may wish to fund floodlights and a MUGA and this was briefly discussed. To be considered when the planning application is received.

d) Neighbourhood Planning Bill – Noted for information

e) Adoption of Blackthorn Road – Dist Cllr Ashby had requested clarification on the proposals for Blackthorn Road and additional land and this was discussed at some length.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond and advise that the Council would like the land as there is a significant shortage of open space within the town

f) Campaign to Protect Rural England –

a. New Housing Targets – Noted for information

b. Norfolk and Suffolk Devolution Consultation –

RESOLVED to respond that Attleborough Town Council are opposed to Devolution (Cllr Bond abstained from this item)

g) Residents response re: proposed car parking restrictions – The resident's comments were discussed and it was acknowledged that there was a need for NCC Highways to undertake research and traffic studies. It was noted that Cllr Cobb had asked for feedback from local businesses and that generally retailers wanted the charging to ensure turnover of parking but the service providers did not. Felt there was a need for public consultation and should not be solely the responsibility of the Council members.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond to the resident and advise that the Council are concerned that there is not enough parking spaces in town and that a request will be made to Norfolk County Council to undertake a traffic study and research the parking in town

h) Residents request re: Bus Services for Attleborough – The resident's request for an improved bus service was briefly discussed.

RESOLVED that the Clerk should forward this to NCC Highways for action

056.16) Planning Applications received to-date

After consideration of the following planning applications, it was

RESOLVED to recommend as below:

3PL/2016/0807/HOU – 12 Larch Close – Revised plans received 5 September, reduced depth and width of extension – No objections

3PL/2016/1053/HOU – 61 Hargham Road – Raise roof over garage/office to accommodate new en-suite and dressing room – No objections

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3PL/2016/0474/CU – Unit 1a Haverscroft Industrial Estate New Road – Change of use from business (B1) to veterinary surgery (Sui Generis) – No objections

3PL/2016/1052/VAR – Bush House Queens Square – Variation of condition 4 of 3
3PL/2015/1118/F – No objections

057.16) Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 3 October 2016

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Public Participation Notes:

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak and points raised included the following:

- Dist Cllr Martin reported that the Local Plan consultation was underway and the Attleborough drop-in events would be held on 6 and 26 October at the Town Hall and all dates were advertised in today's EDP. He had received an enquiry from a resident regarding Hamilton Acorn and confirmed they are moving in January and the site already has planning permission. He was pleased to read the letter in the press regarding the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan clarifying that rejecting the plan would not affect the housing development in the town and congratulated Cllr Perkins on writing same. He had attended the planning committee meeting today and 75 dwellings at Ellingham had been supported and a further development for 39 dwellings.
- Cllr Burton expressed concern to Dist Cllr Martin that an environmental report was awaited from Breckland to conclude the Neighbourhood Plan and expressed that this was needed urgently but was not yet received. Dist Cllr Martin suggested that Sarah Robertson was contacted. Cllr Bond suggested that the Clerk write a formal letter and to copy to the local MP as felt Breckland were concentrating on their own Local Plan not the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan.