



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee
Held on Monday, 5 September 2016 at 6.30pm 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
Cllr M Weaver Cllr E Tyrer
In attendance – Gina Lopes – Clerk to Attleborough Town Council
Trisha Drewery – Admin Assistant (minute taker)
Dist. Cllr K Martin
7 X Public

042.16) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted as follows:

Cllr R Bond - Holiday
Cllr G Ellis - Personal
Cllr A Perkins - Personal

043.16) 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.

044.16) Public Participation

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

045.16) Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 15 August 2016

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 15 August 2016 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

046.16) Decision notices received to-date

Decisions on planning applications were noted as follows:

3PL/2016/0850/HOU – 50 Thieves Lane – Extension and alterations – Approved with conditions.

047.16) Correspondence

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

APP/F2605/W/16/3154570 (Planning Application Ref No. 3PL/2016/0036/O)

Homestead Ellingham Road – Erection of two dwellings –

A letter has been received from Breckland Council informing that the above planning decision is being appealed by the applicants. The planning application was approved by Attleborough Town Council at the 1 February 2016 meeting and noted as being refused by Breckland Council on the 26 May 2016 – Noted for information.

b) New Planning Guidance for Protected Sites – the new guidance has been disseminated to all members – Noted for information.

c) Besthorpe Road Closure –

Cllr J Williams raised concerns regarding the closure of the road; stating that drivers are ignoring the closure and mounting the foot path to use as a carriage way. This has caused several incidents; with one resident being assaulted by a driver initiating the Police to be called. Cllr Williams monitored cars going through for 30 minutes during the afternoon school run and noted several cars and some heavy vehicles going through. He stated that the current signage was not clear in that access was for residents only.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk would write a letter to Norfolk County Council regarding these concerns and that Cllr Dale and Cllr Crouch would raise the issue at the next SNAP meeting on Wednesday 7 September 2016.

d) Oak Lodge -

Cllr Williams stated that Oak Lodge owned by St Matthews Housing Complex has been empty for a number of years and there was some discussion.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk send a letter to St Matthews Housing asking for clarification on their future plans for Oak Lodge and to advise members of the response when received.

ACTION: CLERK/VD/TCh

048.16) Planning Applications received to-date

After consideration of the following planning applications, it was

RESOLVED to recommend as below:

3PL/2016/807/HOU – 12 Larch Close – erect single storey front extension.

AMENDMENT: Amended plans received with reduced scale of scheme – Approve

3PL/2016/0962/D – Gregorville London Road – erection of dwelling and garage –

Concerns regarding the access and highway and ownership relating to the boundary hedge of Grove House, London Road

3PL/2016/0954/CU – HSBC Bank Queens Square - change of use from bank (A2) to dental surgery (D1) – Approve.

3PL/2016/1038/O – 10 Cyprus Road – erection of 2 bungalows – Refuse as overdevelopment of site and will set a precedence also access issues

3PL/2016/ 0966HOU - Church Road Cottage, Shropham Road - Detached single storey garden building ancillary to the dwelling – Approve.

ACTION: CLERK

049.16) Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 19 September 2016

Meeting closed at 7.00pm

Public Participation Notes:

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

- Three residents raised concerns regarding - 3PL/2016/0962/D – Gregorville London Road – erection of dwelling and garage. Residents of the adjoining property stated that despite an earlier agreement with the developer regarding the planning application he now states that access to the building via a driveway must comply with current regulation of 4.5 metres in width to allow two vehicles to pass. The residents were concerned because of the impact this will have on their hedge and believed it would need to be removed to enable the required width of roadway. A photograph of the existing hedge was circulated by the residents for members consideration
- A resident made reference to the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan and felt that Attleborough Town Council needs to be very “robust” regarding the proposed road, around Foundry Corner, will be very noisy with houses built along the road and also to consider the railway line and crossing at Hargham Road. The proposed linear park will need to be of a sufficient size with good connection to make it valuable to the town and referred to a linear park in London as a good example.