



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee
Held on Monday, 17 December 2018 at 6.30 pm
At Town Hall, Queen's Square, Attleborough**

Present:

Cllr V Dale - presiding
Cllr T Crouch Cllr K Montague Cllr E Tyrer
Cllr J Williams Cllr A Busk
In attendance – Gina Lopes – CEO/Town Clerk
Trisha Drewery – Clerk's Assistant (minute taker)
10 x Public

PH099.18) Apologies for absence

Cllr Burns - Work commitments
Cllr Bond - Holiday

PH0100.18) 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.

PH101.18) Public Participation

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow the public to speak –
See "Public Participation Notes" attached.

PH102.18) Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 3 December 2018

RESOLVED to approve and accept the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Monday, 3 December 2018 as a true and accurate record of the meeting, the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

PH103.18) Decision notices received to-date

Decision notices below were noted for information: -

3PL/2018/1195/F – Crowshall Veterinary Surgery, 1 Crows Hall Lane – To install two Portacabin buildings to be used as office and staff facilities for a period of 3 years -
Approved.

3PL/2017/1171/O – Land south of New Road / West of Hargham Road – Residential development of 48 dwellings – Approved.

3PL/2018/1320/HOU – The Bungalow, London Road – Repositioning of garage and construction of wall – Approved.

PH104.18 Developer Participation

No Developers have requested to present to Members at this time.

PH105.18 Correspondence

a) Parking Issues at Rosecroft School: -

A short discussion took place; points included:

- Several residents have written to the Town Council voicing their concerns and annoyance about the ongoing parking issues at Rosecroft School. Breckland District Council and Norfolk County Council state they have no authority regarding the lack of arrangements for parents to drop off students at the school; advising resolution should be sought via the Head Teacher.
- The school's design has a drop off facility which is not currently in use.
- It was reiterated that the Town Council voiced strong concerns to Breckland District Council about parking arrangements at each planning application consultation for the new school which appear to have been ignored.
- It was suggested the CEO write to the Head Teacher informing them of the Town Council and resident's concerns.

ACTION: CEO

b) Planning applications referred to the Breckland District Council Planning Committee; 17th December 2018 at 9.30 am: - Noted for information

- i. 3PL/2018/1206/F – Unit opposite MultiFab, Bunns Bank – Erection of 1 No. industrial building, split into 6 general industrial units (B2).

PH106.18) Planning Applications received to-date

After consideration of the following planning applications, it was

RESOLVED to recommend as below:

3PL/2018/1390/HOU – 1 Plassett Drive – Conversion of existing single storey garage to additional residential accommodation – Approve subject to no neighbour objections.

3PL/2018/1318/O – Land at Leys Lane – Proposed sub division of garden to provide building plot for a two bedroomed bungalow – Approve with concerns regarding Highways access / visibility and no footpath provision.

3PL/2018/1401/F – Development Site at The Paddocks, Leys Lane – Proposed Erection of Five Detached two storey dwellings with garages and associated parking - Approve with concerns regarding Highways access / visibility and no footpath provision.

3PL/2018/1399/HOU – 2 Ashby Villas, London Road – Single Storey rear extension and replacement of roof to rear single storey section - Approve.

3PL/2018/1389/HOU – Fields Den, Slough Lane – To construct a 6.17m x 3.2m segmental concrete garage in the front garden – Approve with concerns as to whether the proposed building is outside of the boundary line, street scene and design.

3PL/2018/1436/HOU – 2 Foundry Corner, Buckenham Road – Oak framed garden room - Approve.

3PL/2018/1496/O – Chapel, 131 Hargham Road – Replace existing Church Hall with three detached bungalows – Refuse in line with residents' comments and concerns regarding Highways access.

This is an important social Hub and the building is greatly needed; lack of community space was identified within the Attleborough Neighbourhood Plan; closure of the Hall will increase loss of available community space as the Methodist Church is also closing.

Residents are looking at listing the building as a Community Asset.

ACTION: CEO

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm

Public Participation Notes:

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

- Residents voiced their concerns regarding planning application 3PL/2018/1496/O; stating the Hargham Road Chapel is an excellent resource for Attleborough and is the only available building of its kind for resident's in that part of the Town. It has a car parking area, including disabled bays which are used by a lot of older people who partake in a range of available activities.
 - In the past, the Hargham Road Chapel Trustees have requested, and been granted funds with the proviso that the building would be used for the community. They now wish to sell the building in order to build a new Chapel elsewhere.
 - Residents stated if the Church no longer wishes to run the hall it should be passed on for community use.
 - During the previous planning application consultation residents had sent in a petition stating their objections; there had been a lot of support from the community.
- It was suggested residents write in to Breckland District Council individually, as a petition is recorded as only one objection.
- The CEO suggested residents could apply for the building to become a Community Asset under the 'Localism Act' which will protect the building; offering further information and advice if the resident contact the Office.
- The Chairman suggested residents could write to Mr Rob Walker, Senior Officer at Breckland District Council to ask if the Council would consider retaining the building as a community asset which serves residents and assists with their health and wellbeing.