

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BABERGH PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE ROSE ROOM - ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, 8 RUSSELL ROAD, IPSWICH ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

PRESENT: Peter Beer - Chairman

Sue Ayres	David Busby
Luke Cresswell	Derek Davis
Alan Ferguson	Kathryn Grandon
Michael Holt	Jennie Jenkins
Adrian Osborne	Lee Parker
Stephen Plumb	Nick Ridley
David Rose	

The following Members were unable to be present:

Michael Creffield, John Hinton and Ray Smith.

149 SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES

It was noted that in accordance with Committee and Sub-Committee Procedure Rule No 20, substitutes were in attendance as follows:-

Nick Ridley (substituting for Ray Smith)  
Kathryn Grandon (substituting for Michael Creffield)  
Alan Ferguson (substituting for John Hinton)

150 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Jennie Jenkins declared a local non-pecuniary interest in Application No DC/17/04052 because her partner, Gordon Jones, is a Cabinet Member at Suffolk County Council.

Kathryn Grandon declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application No DC/17/04052 by reason of her acquaintance with a resident of St Mary's Close.

151 PL/17/39 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2018

**It was RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

152 TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF PETITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME

None received.

153 SITE INSPECTIONS

Stephen Plumb requested a site inspection in respect of Application No DC/18/00856 – New Street Barn, New Street, Glemsford to enable Members to see the application in the context of the current uses of the site.

Prior to asking Members to vote on the request, the Case Officer, Samantha Summers, gave a brief presentation and confirmed that the request was supported by the officers, for the reason given above and also to enable Members to view the access arrangements and the relationship to residential property.

Gemma Pannell, Area Planning Manager, informed the Committee that the Corporate Manager – Planning for Growth, recommended a site visit in respect of Application No DC/18/00606 – land to the east of Station Road, Long Melford.

Members agreed to hold site inspections for both the above applications, and to include a site visit for Application No DC/18/00929 – Cuckoo Hill Bures (agreed by the Committee on 18 April) on the same day.

**It was RESOLVED**

- (1) That site inspections be held on Wednesday 23 May 2018 in respect of Application Nos DC/18/00856, DC/18/00606 and DC/18/00929.**
- (2) That a Panel comprising the following Members be appointed to inspect the sites:-**

**Sue Ayres  
Peter Beer  
David Busby  
Michael Creffield  
Luke Creswell  
Derek Davies  
John Hinton**

**Michael Holt  
Jennie Jenkins  
Adrian Osborne  
Lee Parker  
Stephen Plumb  
David Rose  
Ray Smith**

154 PL/17/40 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION BY THE COMMITTEE

a **DC/17/04052 Chilton – Land north of Waldingfield Road, Sudbury**

The Chairman, Peter Beer, invited the Council's legal adviser, Jo Hooley to address the Committee and she made the following statement.

“Members will be aware that a letter was received late yesterday afternoon from the legal representatives of Chilton Parish Council raising a number of issues which require further consideration and legal advice to be given to officers. In the circumstances officers, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee have taken the decision to withdraw this item from the agenda.”

The Chairman, Peter Beer, confirmed that the decision had not been taken lightly but that there had not been time for the contents of the letter to be looked into properly, and he expressed his disappointment about the receipt of late letters. He apologised to Members for being unable to tell them earlier, but the decision had only been taken within the last 20 minutes. He assured them that the item would be returned to Committee at the earliest opportunity. The Vice-Chairman, Adrian Osborne, concurred with these remarks.

In answer to questions from Members, the Chairman confirmed that there could be no debate on the contents of the letter without legal advice, and that when the item was returned to Committee, any necessary changes to the report would be identified.

Members were asked to note the position.

**It was RESOLVED**

**That it be noted that Application No DC/17/04052 has been withdrawn from consideration at the meeting by the officers in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the reasons referred to above.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 9.45 a.m.

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Chairman