
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 6.00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, WEELEY**

Present: Councillors White (Chairman), Bennison, Everett, Fairley, Fowler, Hones, Massey, McWilliams, Nicholls and Stephenson

Also Present: Councillors Bucke, Cossens, Land and Scott

In Attendance: Head of Planning (Catherine Bicknell), Acting Planning Development Manager (Gary Guiver), Senior Development Control Planner (Morne Van Rooyen), Senior Planning Officer (Susanne Ennos), Communications and Public Relations Manager (Nigel Brown), Solicitor (Charlotte Parker-Smith) and Senior Democratic Services Officer (Ian Ford)

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were apologies for absence received from Councillors Heaney (with Councillor Massey substituting), Raby (with Councillor Bennison substituting), Watson (with Councillor Stephenson substituting) and Poonian.

56. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 20 October 2015, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Scott, present in the public gallery, declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Planning Application 15/01277/OUT by virtue of the fact he was the local Ward Member.

Councillor Bucke, present in the public gallery, declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Planning Applications 15/01234/OUT, 15/00278/OUT and 15/01053/DETAIL by virtue of the fact he was the local Ward Member.

Councillor Cossens, present in the public gallery, declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Planning Applications 15/01234/OUT, 15/00278/OUT and 15/01053 by virtue of the fact he was the local Ward Member. He also declared that as part of a previous business, he used to deliver goods to a household the subject of application 15/00278/OUT.

Councillor Everett declared an interest in relation to Planning Application 15/000278/OUT by virtue of the fact that he was pre-determined.

58. PLANNING APPLICATION 15/01234/OUT – LAND EAST OF HALSTEAD ROAD, KIRBY CROSS, CO13 0LR

The Committee had before it the published Officer report containing the key planning issues, relevant planning policies, planning history, any response from consultees, written representations received and a recommendation of approval.

An update sheet was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting with details of:

1. Information leaflet received from Welbeck Strategic Land II LLP & Elizabeth Clarke (Applicant);
2. Submission received from Kirby Residents Association;

3. Consultation response received from Essex County Council Archaeology Service Unit
4. Further letter of objection received from Mr and Mrs Moore.

At the meeting, an oral presentation was made by the Council's Senior Development Control Planner (Morne Van Rooyen) in respect of the application.

Ray Enever, Chairman of the Kirby Residents' Association, spoke against the application.

Town Councillor Paul Clifton, on behalf of Frinton and Walton Town Council, spoke on the application.

Councillors Bucke and Cossens, the local Ward Members, spoke on the application.

David Barnes, agent acting on behalf of the applicant, spoke in support of the application.

NOTE: Shortly after the Committee began to discuss the application, a power cut occurred in the village of Weeley that affected the Council Offices. After waiting for a period of time to see if the power would be restored, the Chairman announced that the meeting would stand adjourned until 6.00 p.m., on Thursday 19 November 2015.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7.25 p.m.

Chairman