

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2016 AT 6.30PM AT THE
TOWN HALL.**

PRESENT:

Cllr D C Lawson MBE
Cllr B Prigmore
Cllr Mrs C Reavey
Cllr C O'Rourke
Cllr D Hamblin
Cllr H L Jackson (substitute for Cllr Mrs P Whiting)
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)
Miss A Schofield (Assistant Town Clerk)

Cllr D C Lawson MBE opened the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Cllr D C Lawson MBE be elected Chairman for the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Mrs P Whiting
Cllr P Tomas
Cllr Mrs O Mayes

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM.**

No public present.

4. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2016 be signed by the Chairman of the meeting as being a true and accurate record.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

5.1. To consider responses to the following planning applications:-

- (i) **16/02020/FUL: Replacement annex building to provide an additional 6 ensuite bedrooms and ancillary accommodation at 50 North End, Higham Ferrers.**

RESOLVED:

That no objection be made subject to the new access gate being kept open throughout the day.

- (ii) **16/02015/FUL: Residential development of four dwellings consisting of three two bedroom and one four bedroom property (revised scheme to that permitted by 15/1828/FUL (part retrospective) at 65 Northampton Road, Rushden.**

RESOLVED:

That no objections or comments be made. ENC to be thanked for consulting council on the application advising they would have liked to have been consulted and had the opportunity to comment on the original application.

6. **HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP**

To receive a report from the Highways and Transport Working Group.

Removal of yellow lines

The proposal for the removal of some yellow lines is currently undergoing public consultation. It was reported that a number of residents have made it known they will be objecting.

Bus stop lay-by

A plan has been received from the Highways Department for alterations to the Co-op bus lay-by. The plan shortens and narrows the bus stop slightly, gives space for a shelter should one be desired and provides additional pedestrian space. The Highways and Transport Working Group have not met to review the plan. Initial indications do not show support for the plan.

Extension to the Greenway

Section 106 funding has enabled commission of a Design Study in January 2017 for an extension to the Greenway. A bid has been submitted to Community facilities fund for £40,000. Public consultation has been undertaken. Cllr Prigmore reported the consultation showed a general feeling in favour of the extension. There is a desire to see the project included in the budget.

Additional car parking

Little Caste Fields is being considered for a car park. Heritage England has been asked for a view on the feasibility of this and a response is awaited. If they were supportive consultation would then be undertaken with residents. The scheme is yet to be costed. Nearby residents would be offered a space with a lockable bollard.

RESOLVED:

That the report from the Highways and Transport Working Group be received and noted. That Cllr Prigmore be thanked for his work on the Highways and Transport Working Group.

7. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

Cllr Mrs C Reavey queried what action could be taken when cars parked on the zig-zags by the Post Office and if CCTV could be used for enforcement. The Clerk advised the parking offence must be witnessed in person by a Parking Enforcement Officer for action to be taken and CCTV cannot be used as a means to enforce. The Parking Enforcement Office have been asked to monitor the zig-zags.

Cllr H L Jackson asked if there was any information regarding the development of the Methodist Chapel and in particular if their plans might create any additional public parking spaces. The Architect is presenting the plans to the Chapel soon and the Clerk has asked if the plans might then be presented to council.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

6th December 2016

Chairman

Date