

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON
TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2016 AT 6.45PM AT THE TOWN HALL.**

PRESENT:

Cllr R J Gell (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs P H Whiting
Cllr D C Lawson MBE
Cllr Mrs O Mayes
Cllr H L Jackson
Cllr D Hamblin
Cllr Mrs C Reavey (substitute for Cllr B Prigmore)
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)
Mrs D Edwards (Admin/Finance Officer)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr B Prigmore and Cllr P Tomas

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM.**

No public present.

4. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2016 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (i) **16/00292/LBC: Addition of 2 no sun tunnels: 15 North End, Higham Ferrers.**

RESOLVED:

That no objection or comment be made.

- (ii) **16/00314/FUL: Single Storey dwelling: 108 Wharf Rd, Higham Ferrers.**

RESOLVED:

That the Council object to the application. Comments as follows:-

- The development is contrary to policy HF.H1 of Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan. This garden land development is not appropriate. It has a significant detrimental impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property through loss of light and amenity space. It is over development of the site and incongruous. The new property has little amenity space.
- It is contrary to policy HF.DE1 of the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan. The design and layout has not recognised and enforced the local character in this area. The amenity of existing residents has not been respected and protected.
- No materials have been given. Materials used must take into account the Character Assessment for Higham Ferrers to ensure that it is in keeping with the area.
- Should permission be granted a condition must be included to prohibit lorry movements during term time between 8.30am and 9.15am and 2.30pm and 3.15pm. This is for highways safety reasons as the access to the site is past two primary schools and there is already the ongoing development at Gardenfields that has to use the same access.

- (iii) **16/00297/FUL: To build a large shed in owners garden:2 Coniston Close, Higham Ferrers**

RESOLVED:

That no objection or comment be made.

- (iv) **16/00391/TPO: T1 Ash -Dismantle to ground level and grind out stump. Replace with a 2 metre high Field Maple or a 2 metre Irish Wild Cherry in same location: 45 Shelley Drive, Higham Ferrers.**

RESOLVED:

That no objection be made. The Council would prefer the replacement tree to be a Field Maple.

Chairman

Date