

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HIGHAM FERRERS TOWN  
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 AT THE TOWN HALL AT  
3.15PM.**

**PRESENT:**

	The Mayor (Councillor R J Gell)	
	The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Mrs P H Whiting)	
Councillor D Drage		Councillor R D Hamblin
Councillor H L Jackson		Councillor D C Lawson MBE
Councillor Mrs O Mayes		Councillor Mrs V Newbery
Councillor B Prigmore		Councillor A M T Reading
Councillor Mrs C Reavey		Councillor Mrs A M Sauntson
Councillor J Smithers		
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)		

15/235. **APOLOGIES**  
Cllr Mrs S Mantle, Cllr P Tomas and Cllr C O'Rourke.

15/236. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None.

15/237. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS.**  
**RESOLVED:**  
That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the following items of business, the Press and the Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

15/238. **RUSHDEN EAST**  
A copy of the draft Concept Masterplan and Position and Delivery Statement produced on behalf of Taylor Wimpey, Barratt Developments, North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit and East Northamptonshire Council had been circulated along with comments from the planning consultant used by the Town Council for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Following a discussion it was

**RESOLVED:**

- That the draft position statement of the Town Council be amended to strengthen the comments re the policy on the Neighbourhood Plan in Higham East, and the requirement for a mix of uses – employment, community facilities and residential. This statement to be submitted to the Inspector for the North Northamptonshire Core Strategy.
- That a request be made again for an additional representative on the Rushden East Board. If this was not agreed a request for an officer to attend the meetings as an observer be made.
- That a request for discussion about an agreement to mitigate the impact of future development be submitted to East Northamptonshire Council. The Council were aware that the developers had an agreement that they will all get an equal value for the land per hectare irrespective of what is built on it. Through the land in Higham Ferrers being allocated at the moment mainly for employment, Higham

Ferrers will lose out through not receiving any s106 nor a share of the Council Tax, as business rates do not get distributed to Town Councils.

Mayor

Date