

# MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

**PRESENT:** Mr. A. Burt, Mr. B. Aket, Mrs. P. Croft, Mrs. K. Fullam, Ms. L. Paris  
19 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Mrs. P. Blackmore, Mr. D. Etchells-Butler, Mrs. P. Mathieson,  
Mrs. S. Mansell.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Mr. Burt declared an interest in planning application 1.3.

## 1. PLANNING

Planning Applications received in respect of:

1.1 Little Haugh Hall, Ixworth Road, Norton for OPP for erection of 2 detached dwellings (DC/18/01673). The Council felt the previous comments on this proposal should be reiterated. The Council rejected this application as it is considered the proposed scheme dwellings are too big for the site. The dwellings are sited close to a listed building and would create another access on to the A1088. If approved the Council request condition for farm workers only.

1.2 Land to the north of Ashfield Road, Norton for outline planning application (Ref DC/18/01681). The Council received strong disagreement to the application from members of the public. The Councillors supported the opposition and made the following statement to Mid Suffolk:

An open Parish Council Meeting was attended by 19 members of the public, who fiercely opposed the application. The Council agree with their concerns and strongly oppose the proposal with the following statements:

T10 – This is a small road. As there is no public footway along this road the Council consider that further development in this area would present a risk to pedestrians. There is strong concern about increased traffic generated by the proposed properties on this small country road. Children walk along this road to the local Primary School and catch the Middle and Upper School buses. With additional family housing, and also during construction work, safety concerns exist for families using this road with no footway. It would have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the area by means of additional traffic generation and safety. The Street is already congested and impassable at school times so another large development along this road would exacerbate an already difficult situation. The lack of footway renders the road unsafe to walk along which will increase the environmental impact due to additional car usage.

Safe access to and egress from the site would be compromised due to the sharp road bend, accidents have previously occurred in this vicinity.

H13 & SB2– It is considered that development of this site would result in a loss of privacy and amenity to the neighbouring properties. The area is liable to flood during periods of heavy rain.

H15 – The proposal does not reflect the local character of the area and will change the aesthetics of the area, having an impact on heritage assets.

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SC1 - Physical Infrastructure – it is questioned whether drainage and sewerage systems would be sufficient to cope with an additional 8 properties. Both the local school and the Medical Centre may not cope with the additional workload.

H18 – The proposal would be out of character and an unacceptable development in the locality. It would be visually intrusive and out of keeping with the surrounding country area. The proposed development would have no regard to the existing layout and, by its very presence, would constitute an intrusive form of development.

The local Parish Plan calls for affordable housing for first time buyers. This proposal would not meet local needs.

The proposal is outside the settlement boundary.

It is important that a newt survey is carried out on this site.

The Council did not receive pre-application consultation to allow their concerns and opposition to be known.

1.3 Land South West Of Rose Cottage, Ashfield Road, Norton, Suffolk for Outline Planning Application (all matters reserved) DC/18/01861 - Erection of up to 8 dwellings with garages. The Councillors received strong opposition from public comments and felt that the comments for the adjacent application applied to both sites.