

HADLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee
held on 5th April 2018**

Present: Councillors: Angland, (Chair), Byrne, Free, Haylock, Matthews, Monks, Ruddy, Sheldrick, Whiting, Wiltshire and Young

In attendance: 3 members of the public.

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor: Cook and Haines for personal reasons. These apologies were accepted.

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wiltshire declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application DC/18/00564 – Willow View, 8 Castle Road as she is a near neighbour.

Councillor Haylock declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application DC/18/00564 – Willow View, 8 Castle Road as she knows the applicant.

79. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 8th March 2018, a copy of which is included in the Minute Book, was confirmed as a correct record and signed.

80. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

81. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

The Committee considered the applications for Planning Consent, details of which are listed below and upon which the following decisions were reached:-

DC/18/01132 War Memorial, High Street
Trees in a Conservation Area Notification – T1 – Removal No. 3 trees
This application was noted.

Additional Applications:

DC/18/00564 Willow View, 8 Castle Road
 Erection of single storey rear extension, first floor loft conversion
 construction of new roof and external recladding
 Refusal was recommended (Voting was 3 for; 2 against; 5 abstentions
 The reason for refusal were loss of amenity and change of street scene.

DC/18/01255 Dragons Barn, 99B High Street
 Change of use from Class A1 (retail) to use Class A3 (restaurant and
 café)
 Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)

82. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

The Committee noted the Schedule of Decisions of the Local Planning Authority, details of which are listed in the Schedule attached to these Minutes.

83. HADLEIGH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Angland updated members following a recent meeting with Planning Direct which had been very positive. They were extremely impressed with the work that had already been carried out and appeared to be positive about taking over the project to completion. The Chair was waiting for the initial report for consideration. They had advised that on top of the initial £4,000 grant already received applications could be made for up to another £17,000 which if successful would fund the Plan.

It was felt that a Heritage Assessment was essential for Hadleigh due to the number of listed buildings in the town. It was felt that the Local List being worked on at the moment would also be of interest.

84. BENTON STREET PUBLICATION

Councillor Angland brought the recent publication – What Next? A review of the traffic management options produced for Benton Street, Hadleigh by Suffolk County Council Highway Authority 2017 – produced by Dick Fletcher for the Hadleigh Society – February 2018 to the attention of members.

85. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

Councillor Haylock reported that Babergh District Council had taken the owners of the Royal Bengal Restaurant to court over the removal of the garage at the rear of the premises. Unfortunately the defendants failed to appear for the hearing. Babergh District Council will now be requesting a further court hearing.

The Chair reported the Local Government Boundary Commission new draft recommendations and the consultation closure date of 30th April 2018. It was agreed that Councillors Angland, Haines and Sheldrick submit the recommendations for Hadleigh Town Council.

The Chair advised that Hadleigh Town Council had a tent at the May Show again to promote the work of the Council and the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair asked if anyone knew of any display boards that might be available to borrow could they let her know.

86. Confidential Item – In pursuance of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the Town Clerk raised the motion that the Press and the Public shall be excluded for the remaining items of business on the grounds that it is likely to be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business which related to financial tendering matters. The Councillors resolved that the Public and Press should be excluded for the remaining items.

87. **PLANNING COMMITTEE – PART 2**

The Report of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 8th March 2018 was received and accepted.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN