



## MINUTES

**Meeting:** PLANNING

19th March 2018

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** North Weald Library, High Road, North Weald.

### PRESENT:

**Councillors:** (7) B Clegg, Chairman, A Buckley, B Eldridge, G Mulliner,  
S Jackman, MBE, T Blanks, B Bartram

### Officers in Attendance (2)

Susan De Luca – Clerk to the Council

Adriana Jones – Principal Finance & Administrative Officer

### Members of the Public (0)

### Members of the Press (1)

### P17.192 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE ( 3 )

Cllr R Spearman, A Tyler, Mrs E Godwin Brown

### P17.193 OTHER ABSENCES (0)

### P17.194 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest Given.

### P17.195 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 had been circulated ,  
members **AGREED** the minutes to be a true record.

### P17.196 REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were NO representations received on Applications from Members of the Public.

### P17.197 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following comments on Planning Applications were **AGREED**:

No	Application Number	Location	Proposal
1	EPF/0283/18 <i>James Rogers</i>	Norway House Epping Road North Weald Bassett <i>Mr John Hayes</i>	Erection of 3 modular pods to provide homeless accommodation for 6 persons (2 per pod) and 1 storage pod, together with associated modification of existing hard standings, parking spaces and landscaping.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL RESCINDED THE PREVIOUS DECISION UNDER STANDING ORDER 7A \*ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH AS THE CLERK HAD RECEIVED A NOTICE**

**FROM THREE COUNCILLORS ASKING FOR THIS DECISION TO BE RESCINDED UNDER STANDING ORDER 79A. THEREFORE THIS APPLICATION WOULD BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AGAIN ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

The Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this Application and wishes to voice its Strong Reservations with regards to this proposal due to the following:

- Seemingly, No regard has been made to the original report , which included an Equality Analysis Report, to the EFDC Cabinet Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and the subsequent minutes from that meeting, and in which the writer of the Report voiced various concerns The Report stated that the ‘pods’ would be for the use of single vulnerable homeless people, and then gave a definition of vulnerable The Report gave a definition of vulnerable people which included the following” *"in reality, the vast majority of single vulnerable people are people with serious mental health problems, which can include schizophrenia, psychosis and, bipolar disorder"*. The Report went on further to state *"that the 'pods' would accommodate "people with mental health problems and other disabilities, which could include pregnant women"*.
- When the Clerk asked the Planning Officer if he could give her the definition of a Vulnerable Person in relation to this application, she was told the were “Vulnerable because they were homeless and nothing more” – this is obviously different to the definition given in the Report to Cabinet above.
- Member of the Parish Council are very concerned for the safety of the Residents of Norway House, the Staff and Local People, especially if there are going to be people placed in the pods who have mental health issues, and there is inadequate safety and staffing. Concern has been highlighted regarding the pods having a shared kitchen area between people who may have mental health issues, would this be appropriate, The Report to Cabinet had comments from staff at Norway House who advised they were concerned regarding staffing and safety. £5000, does not seem an adequate amount of money for Security, even if this was simply for CCTV. Whilst these may not be Planning Matters they are Moral Matters.
- The Report to Cabinet also stated that the Planning Officers advised that they did not want to see the application for the Pods placed on the “Drying Area”, in fact they wanted that area disregarded.

The Parish Council advises that they agree with this statement from the Planning Officers as this area is in Compartment K of the Roughtalleys Wood Nature Reserve and would like to see a written Report as to why this has changed and what justification there is for this change from the original Report.

- The Parish Council has been advised that a Listed Building Application is not necessary, however we have now viewed the comments of the Listed Building Officer and we feel by sighting the Pods so close to the setting of this Listed Building it is aesthetically inappropriate.

2	EPF/0426/18 <i>Steve Andrews</i>	25 Rowley Mead Thornwood <i>Mr Kevin Buckley</i>	Ground floor front porch extension.
The Parish Council has <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this Application			
3	EPF/0478/18 <i>Steve Andrews</i>	Wynters Brook Hastingwood Road North Weald <i>Mr &amp; Mrs Hope</i>	Removal of existing side/rear extension and erection of single storey side extension.
The Parish Council <b>OBJECTS</b> to the removal of this existing side / rear extension as it is unacceptable to the visual aesthetic of the property			
4	EPF/0481/18 LB <i>Steve Andrews</i>	Wynters Brook Hastingwood Road North Weald <i>Mr &amp; Mrs Hope</i>	Grade II listed building application for removal of existing side/rear extension and erection of single storey side extension. (ii) Existing internal doorway to be blocked up.
The Parish Council <b>OBJECTS</b> to the removal of this existing side / rear extension as it would damage the existing fabric of the building and there is concern at the removal of the stud partitioning.			

b) To **CONSIDER** any other urgent planning applications received since the agenda was prepared. None Received.

c) The following Applications were NOTED

No	Application Number	Location	Proposal
1	EPF/0411/18 <i>Graham Courtney</i>	Garages behind 17 Queens Road North Weald <i>Mr Erkin Said</i>	Application for approval of details reserved by condition 9 'landscaping' on planning application EPF/1771/15 (12 affordable homes with 34 parking spaces).
NOTED			

**P17.198 DECISIONS BY EPPING FOREST DISTRICT - Members NOTED this decisions**

**P17.199 EFDC LICENCES - None Received**

**P17.120 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE** None received.

**P17.121 ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO PLANNING** – Members were advised of a revised scheme which had been received from Quinn Estates. Copies of this scheme was circulated to Members present at this meeting, the Clerk advised that she would send a copy of the Scheme to the Members of the Parish Council who were not Present. She advised Members who were present that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had seen a copy of the same document on Thursday, last, as Quinn Estates had asked that it be provided to them also.

Meeting Closed: 7.42PM

Signed ..... Date .....