

**Minutes of a Planning and Forward Development Committee Meeting of Watton Town Council  
held on Tuesday 3 May 2011 at 7.00 pm at the Council Chambers, Wayland Hall, Watton.**

Members Present:      Councillor Cooper                              Councillor Rogers – Vice Chairman  
                                 Councillor Gilbert                              Councillor Rudling - Chairman  
                                 Councillor Osborn                              Councillor Wassell  
                                 Councillor L McCarthy                              Councillor Wykes

Officers Present:      J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present:      District Councillor Clair Bowes

**100      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor J P McCarthy

**101      DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Wykes declared a personal interest in planning application 3PL/2011/0403/F as a resident of Churchill Close.

Councillor L McCarthy declared a personal interest in planning applications 3PL/2011/0415/F and 3PL/2011/0403/F as suppliers to the applicants.

**102      CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record

**103      CORRESPONDENCE**

- 103.1      The appeal date for planning application 3PL/2010/0639/F, Erection of 91 residential dwellings with associated open space at Saham Road, Watton, is 1 June 2011 at Breckland District Council, Anglia Room, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, commencing 10am for 1 day.

Attendance is at the discretion of the Inspector, views can be given.

Councillor Rudling would attend the hearing on behalf of the Council.

- 103.2      An appeal has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate for planning application 3PL/2011/0004/F, Mr R Old, 29 Merton Road, Watton.

- 103.3      A member of the public had requested that the 'No Through road ' sign be re-instated at the entrance of Charles Avenue. The Clerk had reported this to Breckland Council.

- 103.4      Letter from a member of the public, expressing their concerns at the appeal for the 91 properties, and the effect that the high level of new properties being built in Watton, having no good transport links and lack of infrastructure.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Breckland planning department, the local MP and the Housing Minister expressing the concerns of the Council and in support of the letter.

Concerns expressed were the uncontrolled development of the area, which generated heavy traffic through the town causing huge traffic congestion problems at certain times of the day, no proper road infrastructure, increased overload of the existing doctors surgery, sewage problems which cause many people's garden to flood with raw sewage and bringing problems for the future for the need to increase cemetery space earlier than anticipated.

**104 PLANNING RESULTS**

<b>Plan No</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>WTC</b>	<b>BC</b>
3PL/2011/0050/LB	J Skinner Rokeles Hall Watton Green Watton	Three new roof lights and one dormer window on rear slope of the roof. Alteration in attic at the south end.	No Objection	Approval

**105 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b>Plan No</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Details</b>
3PL/2011/0415/F	S & A Jones Dev. Ltd	Variation of conditions 2&6 on pp 3PL/2010/1084/F (rear boundary altered to plots 3-7 & landscape line adjusted)
No Objection		
3PL/2011/0403/F	Robert Old 29 Merton Road	Extension to rear and new roof (rooms included) 29 Merton Road, Watton

It was proposed by Councillor Gilbert and seconded by Councillor Wassell and

**RESOLVED**

Voting: 6 for with 1 against and 1 Abstention

That refusal be recommended as it was considered that there was nothing in the new plan that satisfies any change from the previous objections of overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with the surrounding areas and spoiling the look of the street scene.

The Meeting ended at 7.38pm  
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