

**Minutes of a Planning and Forward Development Committee Meeting of Watton Town Council  
held on Tuesday 5 July 2011 at 7.00 pm at the Council Chambers, Wayland Hall, Watton.**

Members Present: Councillor Blackmore Councillor J P McCarthy  
Councillor Gilbert Councillor Rogers  
Councillor Ivory Councillor Rudling  
Councillor L McCarthy

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: Councillors Wassell and Cooper

Members of the Public Present: One (1)

**10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor Wassell took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor J P McCarthy and seconded by Councillor M McCarthy and

RESOLVED

Voting: 4 for with 2 against

That Councillor Gilbert be elected Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor R Ivory and seconded by Councillor J Rogers and

RESOLVED

Voting: 3 for with 4 against

That Councillor Rudling be elected Chairman.

Councillor Gilbert was duly elected Chairman for the year 2011/2012 and took the Chair.

**11 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor J P McCarthy and seconded by Councillor L McCarthy and

RESOLVED

Voting: 4 for with 3 against

That Councillor Blackmore be elected Vice Chairman.

Councillor Rogers was proposed by Councillor Rudling but declined, so there being no other nominations Councillor Blackmore was duly elected Vice Chairman for the year 2011/2012.

## **12 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Bunning and Holmes.

## **13 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillors J P and L McCarthy declared personal interests in Item 21 planning applications 3PL/2011/0550/O and 3PL/2011/0661/O as personal friends of the applicants.

## **14 MINUTES**

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

## **15 URGENT BUSINESS**

**15a** Norfolk County Council are working on a cycle path scheme which requires a sign to be mounted on street lighting column 585, positioned on Priory Road, Watton request the Town Council's permission. The Committee had no objection.

A member of the public expressed concerns that one of the outbuildings to the rear of the Bull Public House was having work carried out which they did not believe had planning permission.

It was agreed that the Chairman visit the site to investigate.

## **16 CORRESPONDENCE**

**16a** An appeal has been lodged at the Planning Inspectorate in respect of planning application 3PL/2011/0375/F-1341, Mr Old, 29 Merton Road, retention of 1.8m high fencing to Churchill Close. Application reference APP/F2605/D/11/2154940. The appeal start date is 23 June 2011.

**16b** The appeal by Robert Old, 29 Merton Road, Watton for planning application 3PL/2011/0004/F has been granted planning permission.

## **17 ENFORCEMENT**

The Clerk reported that no planning permission was needed for the rear development of 3 Middle Street.

## **18 STREET NAMING**

Having been previously issued with the new Breckland Council policy on Street Naming and Numbering, the Chairman asked Members, to put forward suggestion for street names.

Both Councillors Gilbert and Rudling stated that the policy should be challenged and felt that it had been dreamed up by officers and had not come through Committees or any Consultation with Town and Parishes.

It was agreed with five voting for and one abstention, that a letter be sent to the Leader and Chief Executive of Breckland objecting to the policy.

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor L McCarthy and

RESOLVED

Voting: 6 for with 1 abstention

That the developer for planning application 3PL/2011/1084/F be asked to name the development Bowes Close.

It was agreed that Breckland be informed that this request was from the Planning Committee and not the Full Council.

## 19 WATTON DEVELOPMENT

Letters from Breckland Council and George Freeman MP previously circulated.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with George Freeman MP and Breckland Planning Chairman.

## 20 PLANNING RESULTS

Plan No BC	Application	Detail	WTC	
3PL/2011/0403/F	Robert Old 29 Merton Road Watton	Extension to rear and new roof (rooms included) 29 Merton Road, Watton	Objection	Refusal
3PL/2011/0500/F	Mr & Mrs Thomas 7 Blenheim Way Watton	Rear single storey extension to bungalow & garage 7 Blenheim Way, Watton	No Objection	Approval

## 21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Plan No	Application	Details
3PL/2011/0533/F	Chris Pateman 55 Brandon Road Watton	Proposed ground floor kitchen extension to rear. New 1.8m brick boundary wall to partly replace existing timber fence. 55 Brandon Rd, Watton
		No Objection
3PL/2011/0550/O	Trevor Whitmore The Warren Watton Green, Norfolk	Residential development (18 no. Dwellings) The Warren, Watton Green, Norfolk

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor Rogers and

RESOLVED

Voting: 3 for with 2 against and 2 abstentions

That there be no objection to the application.

3PL/2011/0679/F R Norman  
13 Churchill Close  
Watton IP25 6BB

Two storey extension to rear & remodelling of front, inc. Replacing the existing flat roof on garage with pitch.

No Objection.

Councillor Rogers left the meeting.

3PL/2011/0661/F G Woodyatt  
Victoria House,  
57 Griston Road  
Watton IP25 6DN

Conversion & existing, storage room to create toilets, conversion barrel store to kitchen, remove roof of yard & ext. To create dining  
The Kings Arms PH, Middle Street, Watton

The Committee recommended no objection in principle, subject to negotiation with the developer and the Historic Buildings Officer concerning any issues with Wayland Hall which is a grade II listed building.

The Meeting ended at 8.10pm  
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