

PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: 20 July 2015

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: David Brackenbury (Chairman)
Tony Boto (Vice-Chairman)

Wendy Brackenbury
Val Carter
Glenn Harwood MBE
Sylvia Hughes

David Jenney
Gill Mercer
Roger Powell
Pam Whiting

Councillor Dorothy Maxwell attended the meeting as an observer.

70. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND THANKS

The Chairman welcomed members to the first meeting of the Committee in the 2015/16 Municipal Year, both Members who had served on the Committee previously and to Councillors Val Carter and Roger Powell who were newly appointed to the Committee following their election to the Council in May.

The Chairman also expressed thanks to Councillor Glenvil Greenwood-Smith and former Councillors Peter Baden, Bob Nightingale and Jeremy Taylor for their work on the Committee during the previous year.

71. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marian Hollomon, Steven North Phillip Stearn and Jake Vowles.

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interest was declared in the Agenda item specified below:

Councillor	Agenda item	Nature of Interest	DPI	Other Interest
Pam Whiting	Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan – Update Report	Member of Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group		Yes

74. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.3.

75. PLANNING POLICY IN EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

The Head of Planning Services provided the Committee with a presentation on the planning policy framework within East Northamptonshire.

76. PILTON, STOKE DOYLE AND WADENHOE VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT: DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Senior Planning Policy Officer presented a report seeking authority to undertake consultation on the draft Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Village Design Statement, with a view to ultimately adopting the Village Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document.

RESOLVED:

That the draft Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Village Design Statement (Appendix 1 to the report) be approved for consultation as a draft Supplementary Planning Document, incorporating amendments to the document set out in appendices 2 and 3 to the report, with the consultation proposed to take place over 6 weeks, from 17 August – 28 September 2015 (inclusive).

(Reason – to allow for the adoption of the Pilton, Stoke Doyle and Wadenhoe Village Design Statement by East Northamptonshire Council as a statutory Supplementary Planning Document)

77. HIGHAM FERRERS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE REPORT

The Senior Planning Policy Officer reported that Higham Ferrers Town Council had submitted the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan to East Northamptonshire Council on 11 June 2015 for independent examination and set out the current stage and status of the Plan; the progress made by the Town Council and the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to date in preparing the draft Plan together with the steps to be taken following submission of the Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the content of the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version be noted and endorsed.

(Reason – to support progression of the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan to examination)

78. PLANNING POLICY AND CONSERVATION UPDATE

The Head of Planning Services presented a report providing an update on work on the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, Four Towns Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and other key areas of work being undertaken by the Planning Policy and Conservation team.

It was noted that consultants had been commissioned to undertake a Conservation Area Appraisal in Ashton following changes of ownership of properties within the village and decisions would be made on how to progress the Community Infrastructure Levy once the new Planning Policy and Conservation Manager commenced work with the Council in October 2015.

It was also noted that the Policy and Resources Committee would consider an update report on the recently constituted North Northamptonshire Joint Delivery Committee and Joint Delivery Unit at its meeting to be held on 27 July 2015. This has been set up in response to the Government's Garden Communities initiative, and could provide opportunities for infrastructure funding towards the delivery of the Rushden East sustainable urban extension.

RESOLVED:

That the current progress to date with the Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans and Town/ Village Design Statements be noted.

(Reason – to keep Members informed as to current progress with plan making)

Chairman