

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.00 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Worster took the Chair

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Bond Cllr Cox
Cllr Digby Cllr Fox
Cllr Kiff Cllr Partel

There were two members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Jones, Oxby and Palmer

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Cllr Worster commended the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25 September 2017 for **APPROVAL** without amendment. **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Matters for Discussion

There were no matters for discussion

3.1 Brickfields Appeal

Cllr Bond suggested the time was fast approaching when the Planning Inspectorate should be formally contacted for an update on the present situation. She felt this was a matter which could be raised at the next meeting of the ATC Planning Committee. Cllr Worster believed it was essential to retain the services of the ATC planning consultant for the time being. The Town Clerk told the Committee the SCDC Case Officer involved in the Brickfields Appeal had now left his post and she was unaware of his successor.

3.2 Local Plan Review

Cllr Worster reported on his and Cllr Bond's close involvement in the Local Plan Review, in which they had addressed the 144 questions posed by the consultation document. Cllr Worster expressed concern at the ramifications of the LPR, particularly in respect of potential housing developments in and around the town. Sites had been identified in the LPR which could result in the building of up to 500 houses in the town. He pointed out that maps on which the LPR was based were inaccurate and needed to be corrected before any plans were formulated.

Cllr Fox, who had also attended the LPR presentation, described the Plan as speculative, misleading and scare-mongering. The potential development sites identified in the plan, she said, had not been selected by planners at SCDC but by private developers and many of the sites were wholly unsuitable for building. This LPR is not going to happen, she declared. Cllr Worster agreed but said that every aspect of the proposals needed very careful examination to ensure that only appropriate development took place in the town. Cllr Fellowes pointed out that even a hypothetical plan such as this could affect house values, adding that if there were any development sites in the town they should be used to improve infrastructure and not for the building of expensive houses.

Cllr Worster thanked Cllr Bond for her work on the LPR.

The Town Clerk asked that the ATC response to the LPR should be circulated to all councillors as quickly as possible to meet the SCDC deadline. It was essential, she said, that councillors read and responded to this document.

4. New Planning Business

There was no new planning business.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.15pm.