

Tuesday 10th November 2020,

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MILDENHALL HIGH TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
At 6.30pm

(Due to the Corona virus the meeting held online via Zoom)

Present:

Members: Cllr J Power (Chairman)	Cllr A Neal
Cllr R Leaman (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Mrs M Martin
Cllr Mrs R A Bowman	Cllr I Shipp
Cllr Mrs J Busuttil	Cllr B J Sulman
Cllr C Sykes	Cllr G Littlechild
Cllr Mrs F G Bristow	

Also present: Mark Knight Town Manager. Mr. Boyd Nicholas, West Suffolk Council. Cllr. R Alecock.

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30 and introduced the speaker from West Suffolk Council. Mr. Boyd Nicholas

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:
Cllr J M Bloodworth, Cllr A F J Peachey
Standing apologies Cllr N Roman
- 2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.
- 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST
Cllr I Shipp, Cllr A Neal – West Suffolk District Councillors.
- 4 PLANNING MATTERS
 - a) Presentation from West Suffolk Council

Presentation by West Suffolk Council about Neighbourhood Planning

There was a presentation from Boyd Nicholas from West Suffolk Council about Neighbourhood Planning, Questions were then invited afterwards.

Cllr. Bowman asked how much influence a plan would have over retail development and who else would be involved in the development stages.

Mr. Nicholas replied that any Neighbourhood Plan would not have the power to override any larger local plan, a group from the town should be put together from as many backgrounds as possible, but that anybody with a background in planning would be especially useful.

Cllr. Alecock asked if the plan would protect areas such as allotments and how they would work in relation to the larger local plan.

Mr. Nicholas replied that space can be designated for protection, like a green belt, specified to Mildenhall, but would have to be compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Cllr. Shipp asked if land use and protection could be applied to areas for local amenities such as Cemeteries and how this impacted on sustainability and s.106 agreements.

Mr. Nicholas stated that it was difficult to answer this but that he would ask colleagues for a response.

Cllr. Neal asked how much protection this would give for major developments such as the Sunnica Energy Farm.

Mr. Nicholas stated that it would not impact on issues of national infrastructure.

Cllr. Leaman asked what the lifespan of the Plan would be.

Mr. Nicholas stated that this would be around 10 years.

It was then **RECOMMENDED** to the Full Council that the Council begin to explore this option of producing Neighbourhood Plan. Proposed by Cllr. Shipp, seconded by Cllr. Power, all in favour

Cllr R J Alecock left the meeting at 7.10pm

b) Planning matters were discussed as per attached report

- 5 PLANNING DECISIONS
Applications received between 02/10/20 & 02/11/20
Noted
6. CORRESPONDENCE
None
7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting finished at 7.24pm

Planning Applications Considered

Applications considered on 10-11-20

1 DC/20/1738/VAR

19/10/20

Week 43

Planning application - Variation of conditions 2, 3 and 5 of DC/16/0599/FUL to allow use of amended plan for warehouse (use class B8)

11 Finchley Avenue Mildenhall

SUPPORT

It was AGREED that although there was not enough information on the application for the Council to render an informed decision the small size of the development indicated no material concerns to object.