

## MINUTES

### PLANNING COMMITTEE held at THAXTED GUILDHALL on THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7:30pm

**PRESENT:** Cllr. T. Frostick (Vice Chairman), Cllr. W Brazier, Cllr R William, Cllr. J Miller, Cllr J Spencer, Cllr D Morgan, A Watterbot, Cllr J Spencer, Cllr I Stewart, A Frater.

**Also Present:** Clerk, Dena Ludford & 5 members of the public

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. V. Knight, (Chairman).

#### 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive disclosures of interest in items on the agenda

#### 3. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

A public speaker is disappointed that they seems not to have taken on board our previous comments in connection to using high quality products and have chosen to not only disregard our dislike to black weatherboard they are now using plastic which is an inferior product.

A speaker remarks that it will be interesting to see of the need identified in Thaxted how many will be occupied by visiting Thaxted residents, the design is very similar to the previous development and I have concerns in connecting to the surface water, which they propose drains by gravity across a field to a ditch along Watling lane, to my knowledge they've not yet received approval however seem to be implementing the scheme, on balance the height on the dwellings, its important to note that this is not a new scheme, it this gets thrown out it will revert back to the old scheme which is far less appealing and one which was strongly objected to.

A speaker confirms that Watling Lane is not equipped to handle the water from this development.

A further speaker confirms living locally that the water could go under the field as there is a ditch at the rear of the speaker property which is clear.

#### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To agree the Council's observations on the following applications:

##### I. APPLICATION NO. UTT/18/2948/FUL

**PROPOSAL:** Erection of 12 Two-bedroom dwellings and associated infrastructure

**LOCATION:** Land at little maypole Thaxted Essex

**RESOLVED to OBJECT**

It would be beneficial to consider to desires of the parish council as raised in our previous meetings, the desire to remove the black weatherboarding is particularly distasteful and to find this is being considered now being plastic, which doesn't derive from what Thaxted Parish Council consider 'High Quality' products as was discussed and we were under the impression agreed in our meeting where render was by far the preferred option which could be painted a range of colours. There are some concerns over flooding and the suds solution.

Thaxted Parish Council would wish to discuss what Community gain could be included within the scheme including a ransom strip directly adjoining the site. We would also welcome the inclusion of electric charging points as part of this and every forward application

The reduced ridge height is greatly supported.

Thaxted Parish Council therefore object for the following reasons:

- design, appearance and materials
- proposals in the development plan
- previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)

Chairman's Signature