

HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13 APRIL 2015 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD, HALSTEAD AT 18.00

PRESENT: Cllr. Terry Brooker, Chairman of the Planning Committee
Cllr. Sheila Bent
Cllr. Barrie Blundell
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor
Cllr. Christine Halliday

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, 3 parishioners in the public gallery, Cllr. Baldwin,
The meeting convened at 18.10

1 APOLOGIES.

All members were present.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

The Chairman adjourned the meeting so that Mr & Mrs Rodgers, neighbours to Stonehouse Farm, could speak. It was noted that the barn is possibly the oldest building in Halstead. The Chairman reconvened the meeting and the members discussed the planning application in depth having made a site visit earlier that afternoon. **The Chairman put a motion that the application should be objected to which was carried unanimously.**

3 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

SE/00638/FUL STONEHOUSE FARM, STONEHOUSE LANE, TN14 7HH

Demolition of two dwellings and agricultural buildings and erection of two replacement dwellings

Halstead Parish Council objects to this planning application for the following reasons:

- 1: The Parish Council believes that this application contravenes Policy GB4 of the Green Belt policies as the design and volume proposed materially harms the openness of the Green Belt due to the excessive scale, bulk and visual intrusion.
- 2: The development also contravenes policy L08
3. Several of the outbuildings are more than 5 metres from the main dwellings, which contravenes the 5 metre rule and this should only be ignored if there are very special circumstances.
4. The new buildings will be considerably higher than those currently on site; the plans indicate that these two houses will have three storeys.
5. Council is surprised that the applicants wish to demolish a property that was only built in 2002.

4. INFORMATION

Nil

The meeting closed at 19.35