**WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

**MONDAY 16TH JULY 2018 AT 7:30PM IN WICKHAM MARKET VILLAGE HALL,**

**COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present: Cllr Dick Jenkinson (Chairman)

Cllr David Chenery Cllr Mike Hawes

Cllr Emma Lawrence Cllr Brian Nobbs

Cllr Liz Quickenden Cllr Lisa Sanders

Cllr Mike Margetts Cllr Patrick Roper

Cllr Alan Biddle

In attendance: Joanne Peters – Parish Clerk. There were 8 members of the public present.

1. **Open Public Session**

**Bus Shelter Arson**

The Chairman confirmed that Suffolk Constabulary did have this matter in hand. He stated the purpose

of this discussion was to consider the way forward in respect of reinstating the bus shelter. He gave

details of comments received and stated in his opinion the bus shelter was a beneficial asset to the

village and has been in place for several years and therefore forms part of the character of The Hill. The

Chairman reported that PC Jordan Giddins had stated the design of the current bus shelter was not easy

to police and had suggested that a Perspex Glass style shelter could prove to be more beneficial. A

member of the public stated he did not think the bus shelter should be removed as this would not prove

to be a solution and it would move the Anti-Social problem elsewhere. A further member of the public

stated they agreed a transparent style bus shelter could be more beneficial. A member of the public also

stated he felt the bus shelter should be removed or a Perspex Glass style shelter should replace it.

**Hopkins Homes Public Consultation Event**

The Chairman provided background information regarding the forthcoming Public Exhibition. He

reported the Clerk had asked Armstrong Rigg for a copy of their proposals to be sent prior to this

meeting but unfortunately they were unable to send them. He confirmed the Clerk had been informed

their proposals were for between 80 and 100 homes.

The Chairman provided details regarding the review of SCDC’s Local Plan and gave information

regarding the proposed new housing allocation for Wickham Market stated within the Draft Plan.

A member of the public asked whom would own the Penny Field and following a brief discussion it was

felt it would be beneficial if this area was under the ownership of the Parish Council. The Chairman gave

details regarding progress on the Neighbourhood Plan to date and stated he hoped this would be

implemented in Autumn 2019.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their comments.

**To receive a report from Suffolk County Councillor Alexander Nicoll**

Apologies had been received from County Cllr Nicoll. No written report had been submitted.

**To receive a report from Suffolk Coastal District Councillor Mark Amoss**

Apologies had been received from District Cllr Amoss. A written report had been received to which the

Chairman gave details and confirmed as part of the new Boundary change proposals Wickham

Market and Rendlesham could be forming a new ward.

**To receive a report from Cllr Patrick Roper - Suffolk Constabulary Liaison Representative**

A report had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting to which Cllr Roper provided

details including information discussed at a special meeting recently attended by himself and the Clerk.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Roper for his report.

The Chairman formally opened the meeting at 8:15pm

**2. To receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Denham. Cllrs Cooke and Clune were not present.

**3. To receive Councillors Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest as he is a member of WMP and WM Town Team. Cllr Hawes declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest as he is a member of the Bowls Club. Cllr Margetts declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest as he has an allotment on the Glebe Allotment site.

**3.1. To Consider any Dispensations**

None received.

**4. To approve the draft minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018**

The draft minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018 had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and were Proposed for **Approval** by Cllr Biddle, Seconded by Cllr Hawes. **8 in Favour, 2 Abstentions**. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**5. Matters arising from the previous minutes which do not appear elsewhere on the agenda**

**5.1- Bowls & Football Club Leases – To receive an update**

The Chairman reported there had been a slight delay in completing these due to decisions needing to be

made in respect of the Village Hall car park and its remit to which he gave details. He stated that

Blocks Solicitors had recommended this car park should be within the remit of the Parish Council.

He reported that Wickham Market Bowls Club had also come back with several comments in respect of

their proposed draft lease to which Cllr Hawes suggested he felt it would be beneficial if the Parish

Council met with the Bowls Club to take this matter forward.

In the meantime, it was agreed the Clerk should request that Blocks Solicitors progress with the leases

for the Village Hall CIO and the Football Club. **Action: Clerk to schedule meeting with Bowls Club**

**and instruct Blocks Solicitors to progress with the leases for the Village Hall CIO and Football**

**Club.**

* 1. **- Transfer of the land at Church Pightle update**

The Chairman and the Clerk provided an update in respect of the land to be transferred. It was agreed the Chairman would contact Sarah Eeson in order to ask her to repair the fence. **Action: Chairman to contact Sarah Eeson.**

**6. Parish Council Matters**

**6.1 – Bus Shelter Arson**

Taken part under Public Forum. Cllrs Hawes and Nobbs raised concerns regarding comments made

suggesting removal of the bus shelter. Cllr Biddle stated he thought the Bus Shelter should be removed.

There was a brief discussion regarding this matter and it was **Unanimously Agreed** the bus shelter

should remain.

There was a discussion as to how the Parish Council should move forward and the Chairman stated the

options would be to reinstate the existing shelter or investigate replacing the shelter with a Perspex Glass

style shelter as recommended. It was **Unanimously Agreed** the Parish Council should look at all

options and it was also **Approved Unanimously** that the E & L Committee would take this matter

forward and discuss options available at their next meeting on Monday 20th August 2018.

There was a further discussion and it was agreed to ensure the current structure is safe the roof and

wood should be removed with immediate effect. This was **Unanimously Approved**. **Action: Clerk to**

**contact Ralph Calver and Stephen Walker to obtain quotations for this work.** It was agreed the

Clerk would contact the insurance company further and inform them of this work once quotations had

been received. The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow a member of the public to comment. The

member of the public recommended that a single claim should be made for all damages including the

stolen flag poles and flags and confirmed the insurance company should also pay out in the interim for

the proposed works required to make the structure safe. The Chairman thanked the member of the

public for his comments and ***reconvened the meeting***.

It was also agreed by Councillors that CCTV should be installed once the works to reinstate/enhance the

bus shelter were complete. The Clerk suggested she could apply for some grant funding towards these

costs. **Action: Chairman to look into possible locations for CCTV to be sited. Clerk to obtain**

**costings from Anglian Securities.**

**6.2 – Future Provision of Suffolk Constabulary PCSO’s**

The Chairman gave details regarding the correspondence received and also provided background

information in respect of this matter. There was a brief discussion and it was agreed the Clerk would

respond to Suffolk Constabulary to confirm that Wickham Market Parish Council were not in favour of

Part Funding a PCSO.

**6.3 – Hopkins Homes Public Exhibition in respect of proposals for development of the Old School**

**Farm site**

This item was part taken part under Public Forum. It was agreed the Clerk should inform Hopkins

Homes that they would be welcome to attend the September Parish Council meeting to provide an update in respect of the outcome of their forthcoming Public Exhibition. **Action: Clerk to inform**

**Armstrong Rigg.**

**6.4 – CAS Awards**

The Chairman gave details of the correspondence received and stated it had been suggested that a

younger member of the community could be nominated for this award. Cllr Quickenden confirmed

unfortunately, the individual suggested was not old enough to be nominated for this award.

**6.5 – Civil Parking Enforcement**

The Chairman confirmed from 2019 the responsibility for traffic offences was transferring from the

Police to SCDC. As a result of this SCC had sent out a list of all the current Traffic Regulations within

Wickham Market to which he confirmed himself and the Clerk had reviewed and this matter had

recently been considered at the E & L Committee meeting to which he gave details.

The Chairman confirmed the Clerk would be taking over the issuing of Car Park Permits for the

Long Stay car park from September 2018.

**7. Parish Clerks Report**

**7.1 – Summer Market – Wednesday 15th August 2018**

The Clerk provided an update and reported she had around 40 stalls confirmed to attend to which she

gave details.

**7.2 – Draft Minutes**

The Clerk reported the Chairman has requested she should aim to produce the draft minutes for review

by himself within 1 week of the meeting.

**7.3 – Printer**

The Chairman reported WMP had recently given WM VHNB Fundraising Group a grant for £1000.00

towards purchasing a A3 printer and a printer cupboard. He confirmed this printer and cupboard had

now been purchased and was sited in the Interview Room at the Resource Centre. **Action: Clerk to**

**invoice WM VHNB Group for cost of printer minus VAT.**

**8. Environmental & Leisure Committee update**

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the draft minutes of the recent E & L Committee meeting to all

Councillors prior to the meeting.

**8.1 – Allotment Matters**

The Clerk reported there were currently many uncultivated plots at the Glebe Allotment site. She

confirmed herself and Ray Lewis had carried out a site visit and she was due to write to the relevant plot

holders requesting them to either carry out work or give up. The Clerk reported the hedge alongside the

Glebe Allotment site would be cut back by Roger Messenger on his return from Jury Service next week.

Finally, the Clerk gave details regarding the Bee Policy in which had recently been Adopted.

**8.2 – Simons Cross Play Area**

Concerns were raised as to whom was responsible for insuring this play area. The Clerk stated she felt

that SCDC were responsible and it was agreed the Clerk would look to gain written assurance and if this

area was not insured request that SCDC close the area down. **Action: Clerk to contact SCDC.**

**8.3 – Cemetery Matters**

The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow Linda Merriam, Cemetery Clerk to comment. Linda raised

concerns regarding the overgrown hedge at the entrance to the cemetery. **Action: Clerk to ask Roger**

**Messenger to cut back**. Linda Merriam stated some families were not removing their flowers 6

months after burials were carried out. It was agreed some notices needed to be compiled and displayed

at the Cemetery. Linda advised within the last review of the Cemetery fees the Parish Council had

agreed to charge for still births but she had been informed that some cemeteries were not charging for

this kind of burial and therefore she felt this charge needed to be possibly reconsidered. It was agreed a

review of the Cemetery Fee’s would be carried out at the January 2019 Parish Council meeting whereby

this matter would be taken into consideration. The Chairman thanked Linda Merriam for her comments

and ***reconvened the meeting***.

Cllr Lawrence raised concerns regarding overgrown verges within the Parish. It was suggested that the

hedges needed to be cut earlier next year by SCC. In respect of the overgrown hedge on Mill Lane on

the bend close to The Orchard Campsite it was agreed the Clerk should report the lack of action taken

by SC Highways in respect of this matter to County Cllr Nicoll. Cllr Lawrence volunteered to liaise

with County Cllr Nicoll. **Action: Cllr Lawrence to liaise with County Cllr Nicoll.**

Cllr Hawes stated he had received a complaint that one of the hanging baskets on The Hill overhangs

the sign to Easton. It was agreed this matter would be considered by the E & L Committee.

**9. Finance and Legal Matters**

**9.1 - Bi-monthly accounts – May/June 2018**

A copy of the Bi-monthly accounts had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. The

Clerk had also tabled a copy of the 2018/19 Quarterly Accounts and June 2018 Bank Reconciliation for

all Councillors. She reported a transfer of £53,347.28 was made from the Savings Account to the

Current Account on 8th June 2018 in respect of the s.106 Hopkins Homes funds. The Clerk reported

further to this transfer a further transfer of £15,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account

was made and therefore the balance of the Savings Account was now £15,718.62.

The Clerk confirmed she had now completed the VAT Return as she had been waiting for the large

invoices from Kompan for the new play equipment to be paid and the amount to be returned from

HMRC was £14,111.76. Finally, the Clerk advised once this VAT reclamation has been received she

felt that funds would be able to be transferred back into the Savings Account.

The Chairman gave details regarding an increase in the NALC Salary Scales and reported that Jo Peters

had started on the lowest full time salary scale following her full time appointment in April but since

this a rise in the Clerk’s Salary Scales had been received. He gave details regarding a Finance &

General Purpose meeting that had been held prior to this meeting and recommended the Clerk’s salary

scale should be in line with the updated scales received. This rise was **Unanimously Approved** and it

was agreed this rise should be with immediate effect and backdated pay to April 2018 should be paid.

The Clerk stated she was very grateful and thanked Parish Council members.

**10. Planning Matters (see separate appendix)**

Cllr Sanders gave details regarding the applications considered and decisions made since the last

meeting. She also reported on the recent letter of complaint sent to SCDC in respect of works taking

place at Cardinal House. The Clerk confirmed she had also contacted SCDC’s Enforcement

Department in respect of this matter.

Cllr Sanders raised concerns regarding the parking crises at the cottages opposite the Co-op and gave

details regarding an e-mail received from a local resident whom rents her property out as a holiday let

but cannot get any bookings due to the lack of parking at this property. It was agreed this matter would

be deferred to the Traffic & Parking Working Group. **Action: T & P Working Group to consider the**

**e-mail received at their next meeting on 20.7.18.**

**11. Town Team & Wickham Market Partnership – To receive an update on recent meetings**

(See separate appendix)

**12. George Bencom Update**

The Chairman reported the George Bencom had failed to reach their target needed to purchase The

George but as a result they had now extended their target date.

**13. Village Hall Rebuild Committee update**

Cllr Lawrence reported a Pre-Application had been submitted to SCDC to which she gave details. Cllr

Biddle confirmed the finish would be Zinc Cladding and reported an application for Lottery Funding was

currently being put together.

**14.** **Traffic & Parking Working Group update**

(See separate appendix). The Chairman reported a Parking Review was going to be carried out within

Wickham Market to which he gave details. Cllr Sanders stated she was going to attend the next Traffic &

Parking Working Group meeting in order so she could represent her neighbours at the cottages opposite

the Co-op and discuss this matter further. Cllr Lawrence suggested these residents could park on the

grassed area between the Co-op and the Bowls Club to which the Chairman stated unfortunately this area

was not a suitable location for parking.

The Chairman reported the VAS Sign had recently been vandalised to which he gave details and advised

the sign had now been sent to Westcotec to see if it could be repaired.

Cllr Roper stated he had received an e-mail asking if some Co-op staff could park in the Village Hall car

park and in return the Co-op would be willing to provide cleaning materials/toilet rolls free of charge.

The Chairman informed Cllr Roper that under the terms of the new lease for the Village Hall CIO this

matter would not fall within the Village Hall CIO’s remit and therefore requested this request should be

referred to the Traffic & Parking Working Group for consideration.

***Cllr Quickenden left the meeting.***

**15. Neighbourhood Plan Committee update**

(See separate appendix)

**16. Correspondence**

**16.1 - Forthcoming Public Consultation on the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan First Draft – To**

**consider correspondence received from SCDC**

The Clerk and the Chairman gave details regarding the correspondence received and provided information

in respect of the forthcoming briefings to be held.

**17. Any other matters arising**

There were none.

**18. Open Public Session**

There were no members of the public present.

**The Chairman thanked Councillors for their attendance and formally closed the meeting at 10.15pm**

**The next meeting of Wickham Market Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th September 2018 at 7:30pm in Wickham Market Village Hall, Committee Room**

Signed:………………………………………… Dated:…………………………

**PLANNING APPENDIX**

**10.1 Applications considered since the last meeting:-**

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1968/COU**

Address: 181 High St, Wickham Market

Proposal: Retrospective Application – Change of use from an antiques store room to an office of light use.

The Planning Committee recommend **Approval f**or this application but recommended the outside appearance not to be changed. This application has been **Granted** by SCDC with 5 Conditions.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/2258/FUL**

Address: The Orchard Campsite, 28 Spring Lane, Wickham Market

Proposal: Renewal of extant planning permission DC/15/2450/FUL, with amendment DC/16/0188/AME - Proposed holiday chalet/mobile home, and replacement of two Romany vans with two safari tents.

The Planning Committee **Fully Supported and recommended Approval** for this application. No decision has been made by SCDC, to date.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/2402/FUL**

Address: 6 Gospel Hall Close, Wickham Market

Proposal: To rear (East) Ground Floor Elevation: Sitting Room – Replace 2 No windows. Breakfast Area: Remove existing French doors and side screens together with adjacent window. Widen opening and install sliding/folding ‘bi-fold’ glazed doors.

The Planning Committee **Fully Supported and recommended Approval** for this application. No decision has been made by SCDC, to date.

**10.2 Update on existing applications since the last meeting:–**

**Planning Ref: DC/18/0963/FUL**

Address: The Old Library, Chapel Lane, Wickham Market

Proposal: Change of use of the building from veterinary practice to domestic accommodation, including letting and/or holiday letting and extension by raising part of the roof.

It was agreed the Planning Committee had **No Objections** to this application but did

have concerns regarding lack of parking at the proposed property. It was therefore felt that due to lack of parking it was deemed that a holiday let would be more suitable.

This application has been **Granted** by SCDC with 4 Conditions.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1101/FUL (1st Application)**

Address: 78 High St, Wickham Market

Proposal: To build a timber garage and carport in our driveway, there is currently no garage but ample space for one.

It was agreed the Planning Committee would **Object** to this application on the following grounds:-

* No Tree Survey had been carried out and therefore it is not clear within the application if any trees or shrubs are to be removed.
* The proposal is within the Conservation Area and the Parish Council wish to protect loss of green/tree space.
* The site is adjacent to a Listed Building which is surrounded by a garden wall which is also listed. No reference to this has been made within the application.
* The flat roof of the proposed car port is not in keeping.
* No Arboricultural Report had been submitted.
* The trees currently sited around the site form a visual barrier and if these are to be removed this will cause loss of privacy to neighbouring properties.
* It was felt that Planning Permission may also need to be sought for the creation of a new surfaced area?

**10.2 Update on existing applications since the last meeting cont…**

* It was noted the box relating to trees to be removed as per question 15 had been ticked no but the Committee believes this statement to be untrue.
* The application states the neighbours are happy with the application, but the Planning Committee are aware that at least one is not.

This application has been **Granted** by SCDC with 5 Conditions.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1231/TCA**

Address: 112 High Street Wickham Market

Proposal: To reduce in height by 2-3m. row of trees on western site boundary; species include field maple, blackthorn, hawthorn, hazel, plum.

The Planning Committee noted this property was sited within the Conservation Area. It was felt it was the wrong time of year to carry this work out. It was also suggested that confirmation from SCDC’s Tree Officer should be sought to assure the Committee the proposed significant pruning would not cause damage to these trees.

Anne Westover carried out a site visit and suggested the Planning Committee should suggest a gentle reduction by a maximum one metre later in the year, i.e. Autumn would be more appropriate.

**SCDC had No Objections to this application.**

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1531/FUL**

Address: Gambrelle, 22 High St, Wickham Market

Proposal: Proposed extension to provide additional consulting room.

It was agreed the Planning Committee would recommend **Approval** for this application but concerns were raised that within the site plan the area outlined was in fact owned by the Parish Council and leased to WM Village Hall. This application has been **Granted** by SCDC with 3 Conditions.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1417/ADN**

Address: 58-60 High St, Wickham Market

Proposal: Non-illuminated Advertising Consent - The sign is to advertise our Consulting Civil and Structuring Engineering business and has our logo on it and the name of the company G C Robertson and Associates Ltd.  It is a flat sign to be fixed to the office front in the panel above the bay window.  The previous sign for Abbotts was in the same place.

The Planning Committee recommended **Approval** for this application. This application has been **Granted** by SCDC with 4 Conditions.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1670/FUL**

Address: 46 Grove Cottages, Thong Hall Road, Wickham Market

Proposal: Proposed detached cart shed style garage

The Planning Committee recommended **Approval** for this application. This application has been **Granted** by SCDC with 5 Conditions.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1672.FUL**

Address: 58 High St, Wickham Market

Proposal: Separation of ground floor office space to form one smaller office unit, with the remainder being used in connection with no. 60, also change of use of first floor office space to one residential flat.

It was agreed that the Planning Committee would recommend **Approval** for this application, but noted that as the adjacent property was a listed building, the view of the SCDC Conservation Officer should be sought. This application has been **Granted** by SCDC with 5 Conditions.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1101/FUL (2nd Application)**

Address: 78 High St, Wickham Market

Proposal: To build a timber garage and carport in our driveway, there is currently no garage but ample space for one.

This application was objected to at the planning meeting on 28 Mar 18 due to the following reasons:

* No Tree Survey had been carried out and therefore it is not clear within the application if any trees or shrubs are to be removed.
* The proposal is within the Conservation Area and the Parish Council wish to protect loss of green/tree space.
* The site is adjacent to a Listed Building which is surrounded by a garden wall which is also listed. No reference to this has been made within the application.
* The flat roof of the proposed car port is not in keeping.
* No Arboricultural Report had been submitted.
* The trees currently sited around the site form a visual barrier and if these are to be removed this will cause loss of privacy to neighbouring properties.
* It was felt that Planning Permission may also need to be sought for the creation of a new surfaced area?
* It was noted the box relating to trees to be removed as per question 15 had been ticked no but the Committee believes this statement to be untrue.
* The application states the neighbours are happy with the application, but the Planning Committee are aware that at least one is not.

Since that date a detailed Garden Design has been submitted by the applicant. This was followed by a letter of objection submitted by a village resident, Anne Westover who is a Landscape Architect and then a letter from the applicant endeavouring to answer the points raised by Anne Westover.

The Planning Committee did not feel that the concerns raised on 28th March 2018 had been adequately addressed by the additional documents supplied by the applicant and therefore **Objected** to this application on the following grounds:-

* The application is in a Conservation Area and will involve the removal of trees and shrubs. No Arboricultural Report had been submitted which is required in this case. It is noted that 15 small trees have been planted however, it is the Planning Committee’s view that the trees/shrubs that will be removed will diminish the privacy of the neighbouring property and not improve the view from the High St.
* The proposed buildings are shown extremely close (no dimensions given) to the listed wall, giving no confidence that the proposed development will not harm or obstruct the future maintenance of the wall. No information has been provided regarding the building foundation details.
* Maintaining “Green Space” within the Conservation Area is extremely important and this application reduces the “Green Space”. The view from the High St will become buildings as opposed to gardens.

This application has been **Granted** by SCDC with 5 Conditions.

**Planning Ref: DC/18/1931/TCA**

Address: 143 High St, Wickham Market

Proposal: T1 Poplar - Crown Lift 4 lower large limbs, removal of deadwood from branches overhanging footpath.

The Planning Committee had **No Objections** to this application. SCDC had **No Objections** to this application.

**Planning ref: DC/17/4375/FUL**

Address: The Orchard Campsite, 28 Spring Lane, Wickham Market

Proposal: Use of land for the stationing of 41 holiday lodges.

The Planning Committee **Objected** to this application on the following grounds:-

* Loss of a well-used family Camping & Caravanning facility. There is a lack of detail within the application/planning statement in respect of the future provision for this facility.
* The proposed layout effectively cuts off access to part of the current site which is used for tents in the summer season.
* Lack of information within the planning application including the fact that no visual information/illustrations regarding the appearance of the proposed lodges was submitted.
* Increase in traffic on Spring Lane due to the proposed use being over an extended period of time throughout the year. Spring Lane is a single track lane with no passing places.
* Concerns that the proposed lodges would be lived in for 11 months of the year by semi-permanent residents or second home owners and therefore not used as holiday accommodation.
* Following information given at a site visit recently held with the current owner it was evident there would be a loss of trees required to accommodate the proposed scheme. There is no tree or landscape survey/design plan attached to the application.
* There are no drawings showing the parking layout.  The proposal mentions two spaces per lodge, but there does not seem enough space to fit these in and allow for adequate turning space.
* No Landscape Appraisal has been submitted with the application despite the fact that this site is within the Special Landscape Area. It is felt the proposal will conflict with the SCDC Local Plan Policy SP15 which sets out to enhance and preserve the landscape value and character of Special Landscape Areas.
* It was felt that the proposal is not in accordance with SCDC Local Plan Policy DM18, as follows:-

*In respect of sites for static holiday caravans, cabins, chalets and similar accommodation, proposals for new sites, extensions to existing sites, and intensification of use of existing sites (by infilling) will be acceptable where:*

*(a) The road network is able to accommodate the volume of traffic generated without having a significant adverse impact on the free flow of traffic and highway safety*

*(b) They are of a scale appropriate to the nature of the location and its setting. In this respect the cumulative impact will also be a material consideration*

*(c) They are of a high standard of design*

*(d) They are to be used as holiday accommodation only, and not for permanent residential accommodation; and*

*(e) There are services available (i.e. the provision of mains water and adequate sewage/waste disposal).*

* In respect to policy DM18 it is considered that the following points are relevant: -

1. There is no traffic data but an increase in traffic over an 11-month period on the narrow lane seems likely.
2. There is no information relating to the scale/size of the lodges proposed.
3. There is no information relating to design.
4. The agent is proposing that the lodges can be used for 11 months of the year with

no maximum stay period, it would therefore appear that they could be used for

residential purposes.

* The planning history submitted with the application does not appear to be complete.
* Concerns were raised that with the loss of a touring and camping facility there will be a detrimental impact on the local economy. Suffolk Coastal District Council have previously produced evidence to show that the spending results from people owning and using holiday lodges for longer stays is less than that generated by holiday makers.

**No decision has been made by SCDC, to date.**

**Planning Ref: DC/14/3579/VOC**

Address: Parma Industries, 123 High St

Proposal: Variation of condition No 2 - C12/0853 - Erection of 11 residential dwellings (existing buildings to be removed) (Revised scheme)

The Planning Committee were impressed with the original proposals but concerns were raised regarding the new scheme as it was felt it did not offer an attractive boundary to the development. The existing boundary is as per the retrospective planning application and is not yet acceptable. The planting in the gardens needs to be enhanced and there needs to be an attractive in keeping edging to the flower beds to prevent the contents spilling out onto the pavements. The pavements also need reinstating to match the original rather than the concrete that has been patched up and finally whatever edging detail is agreed needs to be carried out to across all four properties. **No decision has been made by SCDC, to date.**