MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 1 JULY 2014 AT 8.30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY OFFICE

Present:

Councillors: Rhian Woods – Chairman

Robert Barber – Vice-Chairman

Bob West Keith Lovelace

Officer: Kristina Tynan

In Attendance: Stephen Harrod –County Councillor

Members of the Public: 2

1. <u>Apologies for Absence</u>

David Tindale, Nick Greaves, Neil Boddington

2. Minutes of the Meetings held on 03/06/2014 were accepted by Council on 10/06/2014

Resolved: That these minutes were a correct record of this meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest notified.

4. <u>Matters Arising</u>

OCC Traffic Impact Assessment for P13/SO561 and P13/S1992 (Minute 10, 3rd June 2014 refers) Following a meeting our County Councillor has had on this issue with OCC Officers; Chris Kenniford, Huw Jones and Thomas Cockhill, he was invited to update the Committee on this issue.

SH reported that during his meeting OCC Officers acknowledged that if they had considered the current application in the light of PERMITTED activities, as opposed to ACTUAL (illegal) activities, the Traffic Impact Assessment would have resulted in a different conclusion and recommendation to SODC. At his meeting he gave them copies of the site plans WPC have produced showing what WPC believes to be Current Permitted activities to compare with the Proposed activities which they were very interested to see and they will be talking to the SODC officer, Paul Lucas, about the possibility of reconsidering the TIA. He said OCC officers advised him that they have not received any feedback from SODC officers at all regarding the TIA and therefore did not understand the issues which both SODC and WPC feel are deficient in this report.

As an aside, SH also reported that OCC officers advised him of their belief that Watlington's traffic solution lies in a bypass, and there was a short discussion between WPC councillors and SH on how best to persuade OCC to reincorporate aspirations for this within the currently draft version of LTP4.

RW stated that WPC was not only concerned about the HGV's, although these are largely irrelevant to the present applications having mostly been removed, but was perplexed that OCC had focused only on this aspect alone in it's report, She also expressed surprise that OCC should state at SH's meeting that officers had not realised that the existing activities on the site were in the majority illegal as this was discussed explicitly at a meeting between WPC (RW, IH and RB), SODC (Paul Lucas) and OCC (Thomas Cockhill) in September 2013.

Resolved: That RW contacts Paul Lucas SODC Planning Officer to update him on this issue.

RB asked if there was any information on why tax payers money was used for this assessment. SH said he has not taken this up any further but that it was to keep the assessment independent with no bias.

SH said that he has a meeting with an Enforcement Officer tomorrow to find out where this issue is currently.

5. <u>To consider the following applications:-</u>

P14/S1811/HH Wild Wings, Greenfield Installation of 4KW ground-mounted solar panel array.

NO OBJECTION - UNANIMOUS

6 Decisions

<u>Application</u>	SODC Decision	WPC Recommendation

There were no SODC decisions to note.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for discussion.

8. <u>Any Other Business</u>

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINSS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55PM