



# Rushmere St. Andrew Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Tower Hall at 7.30pm**

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CHAIRMAN: Mr R Whiting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr J Westrup, Mr B Ward, Mr K Driver, Mr Nunn, Mr R Whiting, Mr D Francis, Miss A Cracknell, Mr M Newton, Mr D Noske, Mr J Wright, Mrs M Odam

OTHER ATTENDEES: Members of the public = 0

APOLOGIES: Mrs Richardson-Todd (family commitment)

OTHER APOLOGIES: None

CLERK: Mrs S Stannard (Assistant Clerk)

## **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE P&T COMMITTEE**

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Committee for the forthcoming year.

Mr Wright nominated Mr Whiting and this was seconded by Mr Noske. There were no other nominations. Resolved: Carried with ALL in favour. Mr Whiting was duly elected unopposed as Chairman.

## **2. APOLOGIES, APPROVAL OF ABSENCE, PROTOCOL & CONDUCT REMINDERS**

The Chairman reminded Councillors of the Code of Conduct, protocol for debate and statutory rights to film, record, photograph or otherwise report on the proceedings of the meeting and the protocol for face-to-face meetings. Mr Westrup proposed acceptance of the apologies, seconded by Miss Cracknell. Resolved with ALL in favour.

The minutes of the Planning and Development Committee of 16/09/2023 was approved.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR INTEREST**

Mr Newton declared a local non-pecuniary interest as a member of East Suffolk Council and also stated that he may be asked to reconsider any matter from this meeting at District Council and at any relevant Committee/Sub Committee and in so doing, shall take into account all relevant evidence and representations made at the District level before coming to a decision. Mr Ward and Mr Driver declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7.

No other declarations were made.

## **4. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Mr Whiting proposed that Mr Wright represent the Parish Council on the following:

- a. **Bus Liaison**
- b. **SAVID**
- c. **Road Safety Forum**

Seconded by Mr Newton. Resolved with ALL in favour.

## 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### a. Public Forum – Members of the Public/ Parish Councillors may raise items relating to this agenda or any matter concerning the parish

Mr Wright provided an update on the Community Speedwatch and SIDs. Councillors noted this.

Mr Driver updated Councillors regarding the Sustainable Transport Strategy.

Mr Newton informed Councillors that East Suffolk Council is encouraging Town and Parish Councils to attend Planning Meetings if items under consideration are of interest to the local councils. Assistant Clerk and Mr Newton to investigate the best way forward with notifications regarding referrals and committee meetings.

Mr Whiting and Mr Wright informed Councillors that the Terms of Reference for the Planning and Transportation Committee will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

## 6. TO NOTE DELEGATED RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/23/0430/TPO	Rushmere Lodge 140, The Street, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DH	TPO ESCC/55/00029 Land north side of Rushmere Street T1 T2 - 2 x Leylandii Fell. Reason: These overgrown trees have no amenity value and are blocking light from neighbouring house 144A. To replace with Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer' or similar in the vicinity. T3 T4 T5 T6 T7 - 5 x Leylandii Fell. Reason: This tight group of trees are very close to the house, block significant light and the impact of the roots on the old house are unknown. These have no amenity value they are unsuitable for pruning and not native so should be felled. Area is too close to the house for replanting and there are already a number of mature native trees in the back garden. Note: The large Lawson Cypress (T8) on the eastern edge of the same group is being retained
Delegated Response: Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.			
East Suffolk Council Decision: Application Pending			

DC/23/0199/TPO	3A Lamberts Lane, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DR	A1 of TPO No. 29 / 1955 3no. Hornbeam (G1 on plan) - Overall crown reduction by up to 3 metres.
Delegated Response: Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.			
East Suffolk Council Decision: Application Pending			

DC/23/0100/FUL	11 Shrubland Drive, Rushmere St Andrew	IP4 5SX	Retrospective Application - Single-Storey Rear Conservatory and Boundary Fencing
Delegated Response: Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.			
East Suffolk Council Decision: Application Permitted 3 March 2023			

DC/23/0152/TPO	138A, The Street, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DH	A1 of No. 29 / 1955 4no. Lawson cypress (G1 on plan) - Fell 1no. Beech and 1no. Oak (G2 on plan) - Lateral reduction on south eastern aspect, lower half of crown by up to 4 metres and upper half by up to 2 metres 1no. Beech (T1 on plan) - Prune branches overhanging 138A by 3 metres
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**Delegated Response:**

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends the following:

Three tall Lawson Cypress to be felled – decision to be made by East Suffolk Tree Officer.

Small Lawson Cypress and Apple Tree to be felled – approval

Crown lift work to Beech Tree and Oak Tree – approval, subject to balanced pruning

**East Suffolk Council Decision:**

Application Permitted 10 March 2023. Email received from tree officer indicated following:

It was agreed for a minor amendment to the pruning of the Beech and Oak to ensure it doesn't imbalance the crowns. The Apple tree included in the application is younger than the TPO and is therefore not protected, it has been removed it from the application as no consent is required.

DC/23/0065/FUL	146 The Street, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DH	Single storey rear extension onto existing single storey detached dwelling
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**Delegated Response:**

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

**East Suffolk Council Decision:**

Application Permitted 28 February 2023

DC/22/4892/OUT	Part Rear Garden 4 Oak Close, Rushmere St Andrew		Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - Erection of chalet bungalow (self-build)
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**Delegated Response:**

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends REFUSAL. The proposal is against the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Policies SCLP 5.7 Infill and Garden Development; Policy SCLP11.1 Design and Policy SCLP 11.2 Residential amenity. The proposal will have a harmful impact on the character of the surrounding area and street scene, it is not well related in scale to the surrounding properties and it will be harmful to the residential amenity of surrounding properties. Particularly the residential amenity of Nr 3 Oak Close.

**East Suffolk Council Decision:**

Application Refused 7 March 2023

DC/22/4737/FUL	840 Foxhall Road Rushmere St	IP4 5TP	Single storey dwelling utilising existing garage and vehicular entrance already in existence
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**Delegated Response:**

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends REFUSAL. The proposal is against policies SCLP11.1 Design Quality and SCLP11.2 Residential Amenity of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. The proposed development is an over development of the site, creating a cramped form of development. It does not respond well to the surrounding development and the character of the local area. It will have a detrimental impact on the residential amenity of the surrounding properties particularly in terms of privacy/ overlooking and noise/ disturbance.

The proposed development is against Policy RSA 9 Design Considerations of the Rushmere St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan. The proposal would result in a new dwelling in the rear garden of an existing dwelling that would have a detrimental impact on the character of the surrounding area.

Further to our email dated 10th January 2023 please note that it has come to our attention there is a mains sewer running under the land at 840 Foxhall Road. We wanted to ensure you are aware of this and ask that Anglian Water are consulted on this application.

**East Suffolk Council Decision:**

Pending Consideration

DC/22/4634/FUL	5 The Spinney, Rushmere St Andrew	IP4 5UR	Demolition of an existing conservatory, and construction of a 40 Sqm Approx. ground floor contemporary brick extension
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Permitted 26 January 2023

DC/22/4471/TPO	146 The Street, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DH	1no. Oak (T1 on plan) - Crown reduction in height by up to 6 metres and lateral reduction by 3 metres 1no. Oak (T2 on plan) - Overall crown reduction by up to 3 metres
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Permitted 6 January 2023

DC/22/4403/FUL	65 Chatsworth Drive Rushmere St Andrew	IP4 5XA	Erection of boundary fence
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends REFUSAL. The proposal is against policies SCLP11.1 and 11.2 of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. The proposal will have a detrimental impact on the character of the area and does not respond well to the local context. It would lead to the loss of soft landscaping features that deter from the integration of the development into its surroundings. It would have a detrimental impact on highway safety.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Refused 6 January 2023

DC/22/4248/TPO	51 Brookhill Way Rushmere St Andrew	IP4 5UL	1no. Horse Chestnut (T1 on plan) - Crown lift over garden by 2 metres 1no. Lawson cypress (T2 on plan) - Reduce in height by 2 metres 2no. Group of Willow and Conifer (G1 on plan) - Lateral reduction on boundary side by 2 metres
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Permitted 19 December 2022

DC/22/2599/FUL	708 Foxhall Road Rushmere St Andrew	IP4 5TD	Proposed Annexe
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends REFUSAL. The proposal is against policy SCLP5.13 of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and the emerging Rushmere St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan. The annexe is not well related to the main dwelling, the parish council is concerned that it will have a detrimental impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Permitted 21 December 2022

DC/22/4054/FUL	2 Hazelnut Close, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1BT	New detached double garage and parking
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Permitted 20 December 2022

DC/22/3933/TPO	Mulberry House 3B, Lamberts Lane, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DR	1no. Horse chestnut (T1 on plan) - Crown lift over driveway by 2 metres 1no Norway spruce (T2 on plan) - Fell 1no. Sycamore (T3 on plan) - Overall crown reduction by 3 metres
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends approval. The Parish Council would request that a native species tree such as an Oak to be planted in place of the felled Norway Spruce.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application permitted 28 November 2022 condition replacement tree

DC/22/3573/FUL	132A The Street, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DH	Installation of 12 ground mounted solar panels to side of main garden. This is a separate small, narrow, piece of land off the main garden that contains a shed and greenhouse (to remain) that will be used to mount the approx. 24 square meters of solar panels on a metal frame with an approx. size of 6.6m wide and 3.6 metres high. The front part of the frame will sit approx. 0.3m off the ground and the rear 1.8m.
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Permitted 15 November 2022

DC/22/3572/FUL	Rushmere Lodge, 140 The Street, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DH	Change of use of a section of adjacent paddock to domestic garden and construction of a swimming pool and pool house with associated landscaping and tree planting
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Permitted 16 November 2022

DC/23/0572/FUL	18 Bent Lane, Rushmere St Andrew	IP4 5RF	Side extension and wrap around single storey side/ infill extension
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Pending

DC/23/0672/TPO	White Heather Brendon Drive, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1NJ	T20 of No.76/ 1994 1no. Sycamore (T20 on plan) – Fell Replace with 3no. Rowan
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Pending

DC/23/0638/FUL	3 Larkhill Rise, Rushmere St Andrew	IP4 5WA	Construction of porch
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Delegated Response:  
Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

East Suffolk Council Decision:  
Application Pending

Councillors noted the delegated responses.

#### 7. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE PUBLICATION OF AGENDA

DC/23/0377/VOC	Hill Farm Barns, Lamberts Lane, Rushmere St Andrew	IP5 1DS	Variation of Condition 9 of C/00/0883 – Renovation and conversion of barns to form single dwelling with residential annexe; erection of cartlodge style building to provide triple garage with storage above – variation of working of condition.
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Mr Whiting gave a situation report following his examination of the proposal documentation.

Councillors considered the application carefully.

**Response:** Mr Noske proposed approval of the application. Seconded by Mr Westrup. Resolved with MAJORITY in favour.

Rushmere St Andrew Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

#### 8. TO CONSIDER BUS STOP AT BROADLANDS WAY

Mr Wright updated Councillors with regards to the bus stop along Broadlands Way. Chater Land Holdings has given permission for the work to happen. Mr Whiting proposed that a funding bid be submitted to County Councillor Stuart Lawson for funding from his Suffolk County Council Highway budget, seconded by Mr Driver. Resolved with ALL in favour.

#### 9. TO CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS – HUMBER DOUCY LANE

A discussion followed about the impact of future developments along Humber Doucy Lane on traffic in the Rushmere St Andrew village. It was agreed that the Parish Council will write to Mr Paul West about their concerns regarding the impending development of the site impact on The Street and to ask him to actively engage with the Parish Council about this.

#### 10. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DESIGN COSTS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM BANNERS

The Assistant Clerk informed Councillors that 6 banners will be displayed in the parish to make residents aware of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum and encourage them to vote. Places4People has provided the Council with a quote of £75 + VAT to design the banners and include a high quality picture similar to the images used for the neighbourhood plan. For the latter reason other quotes were not sourced. Mr Westrup proposed that Places4People be appointed to design the banners at a cost of £75 +VAT. Seconded by Mr Brian. Resolved with MAJORITY in favour.

#### **11. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

None

#### **12. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53pm.