



# Petworth Town Council

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## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER AT 8:00PM IN THE PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD BAKERY, GOLDEN SQUARE, PETWORTH

### MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr Chris Kemp (Chairman)  
Cllr Simon Atkins  
Cllr David Burden  
Cllr Alan Copus  
Cllr R. Evans  
Cllr Juliet Fynes  
Cllr R. Hanauer  
Cllr R. Pawsey  
Cllr M. Peet  
Cllr Jim Scallon  
Cllr E. Singleton  
Cllr Carry Smith  
Melanie Kite, Clerk

**137/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reminded everyone to have mobiles on silent, where the fire exit is and that the meeting was being recorded.

**138/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr N. Fox, Cllr T. Rogers, Cllr J. Thorpe

**139/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**140/18 ROTHERLEA DAWTRY ROAD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Rob Ainslie, the planning officer, had recommended that the SDNP planning committee accept the application stating that 'it broadly follows' the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan.

Town Council had responded to the planning application, submitting a document highlighting the proposals which it considered as not in accordance with the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan. *The Council Objects to the proposed development.*

Cllr Kemp began by giving an overview of the situation and explained that he is registered to speak at the SDNP planning meeting tomorrow. Speakers have 3 minutes to make their comments.

Points raised by Councillors regarding the report:

- *broadly follows* covers a huge spectrum.
- Being consistent with what is already there, the 3 storey blocks, is not the right precedent to follow. The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was done to get better planning designs for the future of Petworth which would not replicate existing developments.
- The density of the housing applied for goes against what is in the NP. The upper limit is for 26 houses in H4 which will give the appropriate parking.
- It is a violation of a hard fought and measured NP which is now up for awards.
- Its own advisors say that it is not meeting proposals and therefore should be amended.
- It is contradictory.

The officer's report is not correct, is contractionary, it disputes points raised by the residents, the design officer, Town Council and tree officer and therefore it should be refused.

Motion: To vote on going for appeal and writing to the Secretary of State for Planning, requesting a 'call-in' should it be approved without adhering to the Neighbourhood Plan, and recognising that some expenditure will be associated with this procedure.

Resolution: It was agreed to go to appeal and request a 'call-in' should the application be approved in its current form, and councillors recognised that there would be costs involved.

Proposed Cllr Copus, seconded Cllr Hanauer unanimously agreed.

Meeting Closed 8:37pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_