

**Minutes of Bures Hamlet Parish Council Planning Committee held on
Wednesday 28th March 2018 at The Committee Room, Bures Community Centre
commencing at 2pm.**

Present: Cllr David Lee (Chairman)

Cllrs Butler, Crowe, Kennett, Randall, Welch and Whiter

Also present: Mrs J Wright (Clerk to Bures Hamlet Parish Council)

The Chairman noted to all those present:

This Planning Committee meeting had been convened to discuss Planning Application No. 17/02291/OUT Land East of Colchester Road submitted by Gladman Developments Ltd. This being a highly controversial application and the largest development he as Chairman had been required to consider.

The Chairman asked all Councillors for their comments on the application.

He also stressed that the Parish Council was a Body held responsible to represent the views of the village. Recently co-opted members indicated to the Chairman their reluctance to participate in a formal vote and this was noted.

Discussion points raised:

Possible use of designated recreational land under BDC ownership for Sheltered Housing or Woodland Area.

Would BDC re-examine the position of the AONB.

Cycle route provision.

Parish Plan Survey response data showing support for smaller developments, affordable housing along with one and two bedroom properties. (Housing data extract from recent Parish Plan Survey attached for reference).

School catchment area.

Rail facility.

Health provision at Bures Surgery.

Inclusion of sheltered housing.

Sewerage and drainage provision at the site.

Parking and traffic management.

Village gain via CIL monies.

Any built development would be maintained under a Management Group.

Government policy to increase housing build.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Braintree District Council to establish what current or future plans it may be considering for the use of the land currently under its ownership adjacent to the site. It was also agreed the Clerk should gain the current status on the proposals to extend the AONB.

No formal vote was taken by the Chairman however expressions of support and objection from members present was taken at both the beginning and at the end of the meeting.

The Chairman noted that he would collate all comments and circulate a draft response for submitting to Braintree District Council by the 9th April (agreed extended deadline).

The meeting ended at 4.00pm.