**MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING OF EARL SOHAM ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7.00pm**

**AT EARL SOHAM Village Hall**

Present:, Cllrs Richard Tinkler (Chair) Jackie Barrow, Chris Pratt, Celia Peacher, John Hulme, Mark Rutherford

 Jane Page (Clerk)

Apologies: Andrew Patterson - Lucy Murrell and John Grose (absent ),

Declarations of Interest : none

Matters for debate:

 DC/15/1100/FUL

Development of four detached houses and one pair of semi (without affordable housing obligations)

upon land south of Glebe Cottage Surgery

Earl Soham Parish Council object to the above application on the grounds that the 'affordable' element was part of the original application being approved and that building on this application has commenced.  We would like to draw your attention to our comments on the previous application and would request that the affordable element is retained possibly  for part buy part let rather than rental.  The planning meeting for this application immediately preceded our Annual Parish Meeting and public comment confirmed the wishes of the parish

Revised plans – Planning meeting 04.04.2013

Earl Soham Parish Council find this proposal less acceptable than the previous one (comments below) In moving the houses closer, it leaves a strip of land which could be used at a later date to build more dwellings behind. The Council oppose this application

*This development would fall outside the physical limits ‘building envelope’  but is inside some  conservation area and would change the current rural street scape and ruin the visual aspect of a ‘jewel’ in one of Suffolk’s historical villages by creating an enclave of mainly high value modern houses and losing the current view of a belt of trees and open farmland.   If allowed, this aspect of Earl Soham would be spoiled forever and could lead to further such developments outside the building envelope which was created to protect Earl Soham.  This could lead to loss of tourism and have a detrimental effect on the village.* ***Houses of this value would be unlikely to be occupied by anyone wishing to work in the village but more likely commuters who would add little or nothing to the community and it has been shown by our Parish Plan that there is no demand for houses too expensive for local people to afford.***

DC/15/1158 - To reduce crown of Norway Maple - Crimson King in rear garden by up to 30% - Norfolk House

No objections