



## Planning and Transport Committee

### Report of Affordable Housing Working Group.

1. Cllr. Needham, convenor of the Working Group, has provided an eMail update of recent events. This is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
2. The Affordable Housing Working Group was set up in April 2010. The Housing Needs Survey, funded from Cllr. Bond's locality budget, was completed in the autumn of 2010, with the final report being received from Suffolk ACRE in spring 2011. Suffolk ACRE was appointed delivery partner for the project and a commissioning meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011. Mr Warburg was identified as owner of the two plots of land and was contacted in February 2012. A further meeting with Suffolk ACRE took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. Progress since then has been minimal.
3. It is **recommended that** the contents of this report be noted.

Cllr. Geof Butterwick  
Chairman of Planning & Transport Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> January 2013

## Appendix 1

**From:** Cllr. Howard Needham [mailto:cldr.needham@melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 22 January 2013 20:48  
**To:** cldr.butterwick@melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Fw: Affordable Housing - Melton/ and your recent email.

Geof

Just to keep you in the loop. Jeremy Page it seems has moved on but Sunila is still blazing a trail for Melton!

How long has it been since we kicked off the initiative?

Regards  
Howard

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**From:** [Sunila Osborne](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013 10:36 AM  
**To:** 'Cllr. Howard Needham'  
**Subject:** FW: Affordable Housing - Melton

Dear Howard,

I hope this e-mail finds you well.

I just wanted to provide a brief update regarding the affordable housing project for Melton.

Jeremy Page had taken up a new role and his replacement is Ian Tippett, who will continue to support Melton PC with the project.

Both Jeremy and Ian met with the land agent and land owner in December. The land owner, Mr Warburg is keen to support this project and has advised that he will arrange for his land agent to contact Suffolk ACRE with the proposals. We have made a note to chase the land agent again at the beginning of February 2013.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me further.

Kind regards,  
Sunila Osborne

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**From:** Jeremy Page  
**Sent:** 15 November 2012 12:28  
**To:** Cllr. Howard Needham  
**Cc:** Sunila Osborne  
**Subject:** FW: Affordable Housing - Melton

Dear Howard

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your email last week. Sunila was on leave and I wanted to discuss with her.

I am pleased to say that Sunila has just had a reply from Mr Warburg, which I have forwarded below. This does look positive.

Sometimes Parish Councils produce update articles in Parish Magazines about affordable housing proposals. It may be worth considering this and including reference to the need for a site if you have not already done so? The limitation of a site needing to be adjacent to other development on the edge of the village should be included so you do not get too many suggestions of land away from the village boundary.

Kind regards

Jeremy

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**From:** Sunila Osborne  
**Sent:** 14 November 2012 18:53  
**To:** Jeremy Page; Roger Turkington; Louise Wilby  
**Subject:** FW: Affordable Housing - Melton

Sounds very positive. Fingers crossed!

Sunila

Sent from Samsung Mobile

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**Subject:** FW: Affordable Housing - Melton  
**From:** Parish Plans <[parish.plans@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:parish.plans@suffolkacre.org.uk)>  
**To:** Sunila Osborne <[sunila.osborne@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:sunila.osborne@suffolkacre.org.uk)>  
**CC:**

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**From:** Bill Warburg [<mailto:billwarburg@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 14 November 2012 15:08  
**To:** Parish Plans  
**Cc:** [stephen@fletcherbarton.co.uk](mailto:stephen@fletcherbarton.co.uk); [william@fletcherbarton.co.uk](mailto:william@fletcherbarton.co.uk)  
**Subject:** Re: Affordable Housing - Melton

Dear Sunila,

Thank you for your email, I have asked my solicitors to send me the deeds for the field and then would like to meet with you again with my advisors.

I will be in touch again in the next couple of weeks.

Kind regards.

Bill

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On 14/11/2012 09:51, "Parish Plans" <[parish.plans@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:parish.plans@suffolkacre.org.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Warburg,

Thank you for your e-mail and update regarding the purchase of land off St Andrew's Place. I apologise for the delay in responding, I have been away on leave.

I look forward to hearing from you with your proposal.

Kind regards,