

Lowestoft Town Council

Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee

**Riverside, Waveney District Council Offices, 4 Canning Road, Lowestoft NR33 0EQ
16:00 on 7 August 2018**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sue Barnard, Alan Green, Amanda Frost, Peter Knight, Graham Parker and Alice Taylor (Chair).
In attendance: Sarah Foote (Clerk) and Cllr Ian Graham as an observer. Public: None

376. Welcome

The fire evacuation procedure and public right to report were explained and the meeting was welcomed.

377. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Barron, Eastwood, Carlton and Houghton. Cllr Ford was absent.

378. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

It was noted that Cllr Knight had previously been granted a dispensation to report on items related to the developments at CEFAS site.

379. To consider the accuracy of the Minutes:

24 July 2018 – agreed as accurate. Proposed: Cllr Parker; Seconded: Cllr Barnard.

The minutes were duly signed by Cllr Taylor.

380. Public Forum

No members present

381. Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered (all available on www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and the recommendations of the Council were agreed as follows:

Reference	Address and Description	Ward
DC/18/2950/DCO	County Council Application for an Order granting development consent for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing	Kirkley
The Committee were in agreement that they were broadly in support of the concept of a third crossing but there were insufficient details with the application to comment further.		
DC/18/3036/TPO	Faversham Court Silverwood Close - T1 and T2; Maple and Beech - lift canopy to 5m. to allow clearance for pedestrians and vehicles. T3 Purple N. Maple (not protected, for reference only) - suppressed, fell. T4 Sycamore dead stem - fell. T5 and T6 Limes: re-pollard to former pollard points to avoid limb failure at pollard points. T7 Pine (not protected, reference only) suppressed: Fell T8 and T9 Holm Oaks: suppressed by adjacent mature trees, fell both trees. T10 Pine: remove all deadwood. G1 Holm Oaks: Reshape canopies encroaching on to apartments. Reduce limbs away from substation by 3m. G2 Holm Oaks, Lime, Yews, Sycamore: Crown lift to 3.5m above ground level to remove encroachment on gardens and increase light levels. Lift crowns to 5m. over carpark to avoid vehicle damage and allow more carpark space. Crown thin trees by 15% and remove deadwood.	Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		

DC/18/3020/VOC	243 Long Road - Variation of Condition No.2 of DC/10/0003/FUL - Construction of 3no. detached houses - Alteration to the design and siting of plot 1. Development to be carried out in accordance with the revised plans	Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Barnard, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed to recommend refusal of the application that the garage and its decreased size is not fit for purpose, does not comply with the recommendations of the Highways Authority and the revised siting of the proposed development on the plot is not in keeping with the street scene. The Committee remains content to support the original application as previously approved.		
DC/18/2946/FUL	5 North Parade - Construction of single storey front extension and single storey side and rear extension	Gunton
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Frost and was agreed to recommend refusal of the application due to the style of the proposed extension not being in keeping with the street scene of the conservation area within which this property is located. If the Planning Authority was minded to approve the application the Committee agreed to request that a further consultation takes place regarding the style of the front facing garage door.		

382. Planning Determinations

There were no planning determinations to note as contrary to the Town Council's recommendations.

383. Neighbourhood Planning

Area Designation – Waveney District Council were still seeking legal advice on whether to approve or amend the area designation (whole parish boundary) as the Town Council had applied for on 25 May. The consultation period had ended on 22 June and it was agreed that Waveney District Council should now provide a speedy resolution although they had recently advised that further consultation including with the Broads Authority may be necessary. The Town Council still firmly believed, and has professional opinion had confirmed, that legally they were able to use the whole parish boundary for the Lowestoft Neighbourhood Plan.

384. Sites under ongoing consideration

Old Hospital – the position statement as previously promised by the James Paget Trust had not been received. It was noted that the new Waveney Local Plan designated the site for housing.

East Point Pavilion – it was understood that there had been a commitment from Waveney District Council for community use of the building but that this had now been withdrawn. It was agreed to ask WDC for a statement of intent for the future of the building and commitment that it would be available for the 2018 Remembrance Service.

CEFAS – Cllr Knight reported that internal works had progressed.

Burger King – Cllr Green reported that in July 2017 he had asked questions about what was happening with the site and he had tabled the same question for the September meeting of the District Council.

385. Assets of Community Value

The Committee were in agreement to progress listing the following as assets of community value; Town Hall car park (proposed by Cllr Frost, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed), Old Hospital (proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Barnard and agreed with one vote against). In addition it was requested that the Town Council make enquiries regarding ownership of the square of land at the end of Compass Street and opposite the Town Hall and to the possible transfer of the land to the rear of the Town Hall which had been part-developed as a fast food restaurant.

386. Licensing- there were no matters to consider

387. Resident infrastructure concerns – no matters were raised.

388. Consultations

The Gambling Act 2005 consultation on a revised statement of principles was noted.

389. Date of the next meeting - 4.00 pm on Tuesday 21 August 2018.

390. Items for the next Agenda - none.

18.10 Meeting closed

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21 August 2018