

**Minutes of the meeting of Lowestoft Town Council Planning and Environment Committee held at 17:30 on Tuesday 22 August 2017 at Riverside, 4 Canning Road Lowestoft**

Committee Members: Cllrs Sue Barnard, Allyson Barron, Peter Byatt, Tracey Eastwood, June Ford, Alan Green, Peter Knight, Graham Parker and Alice Taylor.

Present: Cllrs Alice Taylor (Chair), Sue Barnard (for part), Allyson Barron, Peter Byatt, Tracey Eastwood, June Ford (for part), Alan Green and Peter Knight.

Also attending: Shona Bendix (Clerk) and Town Cllrs Amanda Frost, Neil Coleby and Ian Graham

Public in attendance: No members of the public.

**64. Welcome**

Cllr Taylor welcomed the meeting. The fire evacuation procedure was outlined and the meeting was reminded of the public rights in relation to filming, recording and reporting at the meeting.

**65. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Parker.

**66. Declarations of Interests and dispensations**

Cllr Alice Taylor declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in an application relating to a beneficial interest in land DC/17/3487/FUL 306 London Road South and mentioned that she knew the owner of application DC/17/3341/FUL but did not have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

**67. Accuracy of the Minutes of 8 August 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of 8 August 2017 were approved. Proposer: Cllr Eastwood; Seconder: Cllr Byatt; Vote in favour with one abstention from Cllr Barron who had not been present at the previous meeting.

**68. Public Forum**

No members of the public present.

**69. Planning applications**

The following applications were considered:

DC/17/3341/FUL	42 Kirkley Cliff Road	Kirkley
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Construction of a dwelling including balcony not shown on original approval DC/16/2484/FUL

It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Knight and unanimously agreed that the Council would recommend approval of the application.

DC/17/3382/FUL	8 Cliftonville Road	Pakefield
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Extensions & alterations

It was proposed by Cllr Barron, seconded by Cllr Byatt and unanimously agreed that the Council would recommend approval of the application.

DC/17/3429/EIA	Lowestoft FRMP Tidal Defences, Hamilton Road and Battery Green Road	Harbour
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EIA Screening Opinion - for tidal flood barrier across Lake Lothing entrance, flood defences in the Outer Harbour downstream, and property level resilience measures at several locations throughout Lowestoft

It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed that the Council would note the application and had no objection in its current form.

Cllr Sue Barnard joined the meeting at 17:47 and Cllr Ford joined the meeting at 17:48.

DC/17/3453/FUL	17 Squires Walk	Gunton and Corton
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Construction of single storey front and rear extensions

It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Byatt and unanimously agreed that the Council would

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recommend refusal of the application as the development as currently proposed is detrimental to the street scene as it is out of line with the other residences.

DC/17/3365/FUL	Glenwood Kirkley Cliff Road	Kirkley
	External renovation works including replacement external doors and windows, facade alterations, re-pointing brickwork, fall arrest system to roof, replacement tiles and other associated works	

It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Barron and unanimously agreed that the Council would recommend approval of the application.

DC/17/3384/FUL	2 Spencer Drive	Gunton and Corton
	Construction of porch extension to the building frontage	

It was proposed by Cllr Byatt, seconded by Cllr Barnard and unanimously agreed that the Council would recommend refusal of the application as the Council considered the original description in the application was misleading as the porch also includes a wet room and the larger footprint changes the nature of the application.

Cllr Taylor left the room at 18:02 owing to a disclosable pecuniary interest as the applicant in the next application. Cllr Byatt took the Chair.

DC/17/3487/FUL	306 London Road South	Kirkley
	Upgrade, repair and rebuild the front garden hardscape (walls, gate, and path) and to replace the front door	

It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Knight and unanimously agreed that the Council would recommend approval of the application.

Cllr Taylor returned at 18:08.

DC/17/3502/TPO	Fire Station Normanston Drive	Normanston
	TPO No 380. T1 Horse Chestnut (located at entrance to Fire Station) crown reduce by max. 30% to balance crown. Tree beginning to become unbalanced with extended growth on west side of canopy	

It was proposed by Cllr Byatt, seconded by Cllr Ford and unanimously agreed that the Council would recommend approval of the application.

**70. Waveney District Council Local Plan** – It was noted that other parishes were strongly stating their position on housing and it was important that the Town Council made its own case including on its own policies. Cllr Taylor offered to collate the inputs from Committee members and present them for consideration at the meeting to decide the response on the 18 September. Cllr Ford noted that she was on the Waveney Committee that looked at the Local Plan and that any input to the Town Council would be made as a Town Councillor. She noted that all households had been given information about the Local Plan consultation by Waveney District Council. It was noted that the level of community engagement might not be as the Town Council would wish. Cllr Barnard said it was important that green space (that was not formal park land) was looked after and was encouraged to put her thoughts in writing to Cllr Taylor. It was noted that neighbourhood plans have to align with the Local Plan. The Local Plan will be decided by politicians within the District Council and was district-wide.

The Clerk would remind the planning team that they were providing hard copies of the Local Plan to this Committee. The 18<sup>th</sup> September will be a Planning and Environment Committee to determine the response.

**71. Norfolk Strategic Framework**

It was noted that the Town Council would be concentrating their efforts on the Waveney District Local Plan consultation.

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**72. Broads Authority Local Plan**

It was noted that the Broads Plan 2017 had been published.

**73. Neighbourhood planning**

It was noted that a telephone conference meeting had been set up between Cllr Taylor, WDC Planning Officer Sam Hubbard and Brian Whiteley of Planning Aid to discuss the interplay between the neighbourhood plan and Local Plan to help the Council decide the best way to progress neighbourhood planning.

**74. Old Hospital site**

There had been announcements that James Pagett is conducting a review of its property interests. John Stannard could provide background information. The building was transferred from the Corporation to the NHS in 1948 and consideration should be given to returning the property to the Town Council. It was noted that the Committee should push to have a position in the NHS consideration of the future of that site. A comment was made that Cllr Taylor might be a suitable person to represent the Council. However, Cllr Taylor noted that this would be a matter for the Council to decide. The Committee concluded that it was imperative that the Council has a voice when the matter was decided.

**75. Date of the next meetings - 8 September 2017 at 16:30, 18<sup>th</sup> September (Local Plan only) and 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

**76. Items for the next agenda and close**

No additional items. The meeting was closed.

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