

Lowestoft Town Council
Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft NR32 1DE
16:00 on Tuesday 18 December 2018

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sue Barnard, Amanda Frost, Peter Knight, Graham Parker, and Alice Taylor (Chair)

In Attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

Public: One member of the public present.

496. Welcome

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

497. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

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

498. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

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

499 To consider the accuracy of the Minutes of 27 November 2018

The minutes of 27 November 2018 were accepted as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Knight; seconded by Cllr Frost. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

500. Public Forum - the one member present made comments on the purchase of the Old Hospital and asked the Town Council for further information. The Chair responded that the Town Council were not party to such information.

501. Planning applications

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

Reference	Address and Description	Ward
DC/18/4719/FUL	Adj 3 Pinewood Avenue - Construction of two dwellings, car parking and access.	Elm Tree
It was proposed by Cllr Barnard, seconded by Cllr Knight and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application. The Committee wished to support the comments made by Suffolk Highways and asked for consideration to be given to the many issues they had highlighted.		
DC/18/4613/FUL	19 Westland Road - Construction of a single storey extension to rear with internal alterations	Elm Tree
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Barnard and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/18/4659/LBC	Lowestoft and East Suffolk Maritime Museum, Whapload Road - Listed Building Consent - Install Solar panels on East facing roof of West Exhibition Hall. (In the valley of the between East and West halls.)	Harbour
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Barnard and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application subject to the permission of the land lord (owner of the building).		
DC/18/4870/TCA	The Surgery, The High Street - Trees numbered as per application & plan - T1, T2, T3 - Holm Oaks - Crown lift from over wall and garages to give 2m clearance. To prevent damage to property. G4, T5, T6, T8, T9, T12 - Holm Oaks - Crown lift from over roadway to give 5.5m clearance and from over footpaths to give 2.5m clearance. All trees & groups - Remove significant deadwood.	Harbour
It was proposed by Cllr Frost, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/18/4668/FUL	1-18 Nelson Court Old Nelson Street - External storage facility for mobility scooters for tenants with disabilities.	Harbour
It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Frost and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this		

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application.		
DC/18/4858/FUL	6 Palmer Close - Construction of two storey front and first floor side extensions	Gunton
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Barnard and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/18/4868/TPO	Georgian Lodge, 17 Glebe Close - TPO 131 Rear Garden T1 Oak - Reduce by 20% large branches that protrude the crown, to reduce weight and keep tree in shape heason. Tree located near buildings in small garden.	Gunton
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/18/4768/FUL	6 Raphael Close - Matching brick built extension to the front of the property with an existing side extension being made 2 storey	Gunton
It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed (three votes in favour, two against) to recommend refusal of this application due to the proposed extension exceeding the existing building line (being too far forward) and not in keeping with the existing street scene.		
DC/18/4767/VOC	45 Clover Way - Variation of Condition No.2 of DC/18/3184/FUL - Construction of single storey side and rear extensions - Change the existing front gable roof to hipped.	Gunton
It was proposed by Cllr Frost, seconded by Cllr Knight and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application.		
DC/18/4793/ROC	Former RNLI Social Club Links Road - Removal of Condition No. 4 of DC/17/1481/FUL - Demolish existing RNLI Social Club building and erect 2 No. holiday homes with associated landscaping and alterations to vehicular access - Condition 4 should be removed to allow full-time occupation of the new property	Gunton
It was proposed by Cllr Frost, seconded by Cllr Barnard and agreed (four votes in favour, one against) to recommend refusal of this application due the loss of potential holiday accommodation. The Committee were also concerned that there was lack of amenity for the proposed dwellings to be permanent residential dwellings in particular outside space and parking.		
DC/18/4931/VOC	Kevill Arms Durban Road - Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/17/1706/FUL - Demolition of existing building and redevelopment of site to provide 8 no. dwellings. It is now proposed to add a garage to plot 8 and side extensions to plots 4 and 5. The land alongside these plots is vacant and the proposed extensions would constitute permitted development, so we seek to vary the approval notice to allow for theses additions to be included. To be constructed in accordance with plans numbered 1202/1 Rev. B and 1202/2 Rev. A	Kirkley
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Frost and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/18/4774/FUL	Units 11 and 12, Kirkley Business Park, Horn Hill – Construction of two work shop units.	Kirkley
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application due to concerns that environmental issues such as noise, light, chemical disposal have not been addressed in the application.		
DC/18/4966/ADN	Former Mill Road Service Station, Mill Road - Non Illuminated Advertisement - 4 no. freestanding signs, 3no banner units. 1no. booth screen, 1no. play land sign and 16no. dot signs.	Kirkley

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It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Frost and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

DC/18/5069/TCA	50 The Avenue - Rear garden trees numbered as per application and plan T1 x Apple fell to ground level T2 & T3 Conifers -Reduce to previous pruning points	Pakefield
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It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

501. Planning Determinations - the following planning determinations were noted as being contrary to the recommendations of the Town Council:

DC/18/4336/LBC	90 London Road – listed building consent for replacement of 3 rotten windows to rear of property.	Pakefield
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The Town Council had recommended support for this application but it had been refused by the Planning Authority (Policy DM 30 refers)

DC/18/4310/FUL	3A Pakefield Road – replacement of existing windows to front and rear extensions	Kirkley
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The Town Council had recommended support for this application but it had been refused by the Planning Authority (conservation area)

502. Consultations:

Waveney Local Plan Proposed modifications – the documentation had been considered and it was agreed there were no comments to submit.

503. Neighbourhood Planning

Area Designation – it was noted that the area designation, for the whole of the parish of Lowestoft, had been granted by Waveney District Council. There had been much complication with the designation which had delayed the progress of the plan but work would now progress with earnest with evidence gathering and community engagement.

504. Sites under ongoing consideration

Town Hall – the revised (2018) listing by English Heritage for the Town Hall was noted. The new listing included much more detail and with the removal of the listing for the rear of the building offered greater flexibility for future uses of this section.

505. Resident infrastructure concerns:

A request had been received to place a dog litter bin in the Pound Farm area. It was confirmed that the Council's did not have any budget provision to provide bins on land not in its ownership. The parishioner would be advised to contact the landowner (possibly Suffolk County Council) and Waveney District Council as the waste collection authority and authority for issuing dog fouling penalty notices.

506. Date of the next meeting - 4.00 pm on Tuesday 8 January 2019.

507. Items for the next Agenda – it was noted that the Pitch and Putt recreation facility at Dip Farm would close on 31 December. It was agreed to given consideration to this site being registered as an asset of community value and further discussion would take place at the next meeting.

508. Resolution to close the meeting to the public

There were no confidential matters for consideration. The Chair closed the meeting at 17.40.

Signed:

8 January 2019