

Lowestoft Town Council
Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft NR32 1DE
17.00 on Tuesday 10 March 2020

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sue Barnard, Tracey Eastwood, Amanda Frost, Alan Green, Jacqueline Hardie, Peter Knight (Chair), Graham Parker, Alice Taylor and David Youngman.

In attendance: Sarah Foote Deputy Town Clerk.

Public: One member (left at 17.27)

337. Welcome

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

338. Receipt and consideration of acceptance of apologies for absence

There were no apologies.

339. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

There were none declared.

340 Accuracy of the Minutes of 25 February 2020

Accepted as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Barnard and agreed.

341. Public Forum

A member of the public spoke in opposition of planning application DC/20/0653/FUL. When asked, the Chair of the Committee confirmed with members that they had listened to the comments the member of the public had made.

342. Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered. The applications were considered in a different order to that published on the agenda.

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/20/0653/FUL	Post Office 51 London Road North - Demolition of existing shed buildings and 3/4 storey brick building to rear of Post Office, including adjoining structures to rear of Post Office. Making essential repairs to Post Office building and modifications (thermal and watertight) to rear wall of Post Office building at ground floor level. Erection of flats and houses comprising 9 dwellings, with associated landscaping works.	Harbour and Normanston
At 17.23 and during consideration of the application, Cllr Taylor left the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Frost and agreed (four votes in favour and three votes against and one abstention) to recommend approval of this as the development provided additional housing within a location which could help to populate the town centre. This recommendation is supported by the emerging Lowestoft Neighbourhood Development Plan and Policy WLP8.19 of the Waveney Local Plan which look to support the vitality and viability of the town centre. Public comments regarding the adequacy of on-site parking places were noted, along with the comments from the Highways Authority, however, it was agreed there were suitable alternative car parking arrangements in the area and alternative transport methods could also be considered.		
DC/20/0581/ADI	Burger King North Quay Retail Park Peto Way - Illuminated Advertisement Consent - New Drive Thru site to have a combination of illuminated and non-illuminated freestanding and wall mounted signage.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application. At 17.28 Cllr Taylor returned to the meeting.		
DC/20/0607/FUL	127 London Road North And 1 Regent Road - Conversion of retail unit into 3 smaller retail units and 8 Flats, 2 no in extension	Harbour and Normanston

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It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0646/FUL	54 London Road North - Planning permission to replace a solid metal rear fire door with a new aluminium framed glazed door	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/19/4902/FUL	4 Bramfield Road - Construction of a side extension	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Eastwood and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0724/FUL	76 Oulton Road - Rear extension, raise and pitch garage roof	Gunton and St Margarets
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0753/FUL	81 Gunton Drive - Construction of single storey rear extension	Gunton and St Margarets
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Eastwood and agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0747/FUL	Pathways Care Farm Leonard Drive - Erect Produce Store and Office	Gunton and St Margarets
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0706/FUL	Arlington North Parade - Inserting two small conservation roof lights to existing first floor bathroom	Gunton and St Margarets
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0750/FUL	38 Monckton Avenue -Extension and alterations	Oulton Broad
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Barnard and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0847/FUL	20 Cedar Drive Lowestoft - Construction of a rear extension, garden room/summer room	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend		
DC/20/0124/FUL	4 Langley Gardens – construction of rear extension	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Eastwood and unanimously agreed to recommend		
DC/20/0780/FUL	2 Speedwell Close - Replacement garage rebuilt further down the garden in brick, with a pitched tiled roof	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Frost, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0744/FUL	Friends Meeting House 39 Pakefield Street - Extension to create Toilet, Lobby and Children’s Room	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Eastwood and agreed (8 votes in favour, one abstention) to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0820/FUL	Stella Maris 93A Saxon Road - Erection of new boundary fence	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Frost and unanimously agreed to recommend		

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b. Planning Determinations issued by the Planning Authority which were contrary to the recommendations of the Town Council – there were none to note. It was noted that an application (DC/19/4435/FUL) to erect a hand car wash in the Asda car park at Belvedere Road had been withdrawn.

c. Reports from East Suffolk Council Referral Panel - there were none to note.

344. Neighbourhood Planning - the current work of the sub-committee was noted.

345. Consultations

The following consultations were noted for information only.

a. East Anglia TWO – EN010078 Offshore Wind Farm Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing, Issue Specific Hearings will commence on 24 March 2020

b. East Anglia ONE North – EN010077 Offshore Wind Farm Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing, Issue Specific Hearings will commence on 24 March 2020

346. Licensing – there were no applications to consider.

347. Highways – there were no applications for Town Council support to consider.

348. Sites under ongoing consideration – no reports were made.

349. Resident infrastructure concerns – several concerns were expressed about the state of repair of the highways and how to report potholes. It was agreed that the Suffolk Highways reporting tool would be listed on both the Town Council website and a reminder put on facebook.

350. Date of the next meeting – 17.00 on Tuesday 24 March 2020.

351. Items for the next Agenda -it was asked for consideration to be given to the withdrawal of local bus services. It was confirmed that this item would be raised at the ESC Community Partnership meetings.

352. Resolution to close the meeting to the public - There were no confidential matters for consideration.

Meeting closed at 18.17

Signed:

24 March 2020