

Lowestoft Town Council
Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft NR32 1DE
16.30 on Tuesday 10 September 2019

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Sue Barnard (arrived 17.08), Amanda Frost, Alan Green, Jacqueline Hardie, Peter Knight (Chair), Graham Parker, Alice Taylor and David Youngman

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

The Planning and Environment Committee of Lowestoft Town Council considered this application at a meeting on 10 September 2019. It was agreed to recommend refusal of the application. The Committee were concerned of the close proximity to the County Wildlife Site to the development and the detrimental effect this could bring to this site. The Committee felt the design of the site did not seek to reduce the indirect impact on the wildlife habitats in the vicinity particularly the great crested newts.

Public: There were four members of the public in attendance. Three left at 17.37 and the remainder at 17.50.

129. Welcome

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

130. Receipt and consideration of acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Eastwood. Cllr Taylor proposed acceptance of the apologies; seconded by Cllr Frost; all in favour.

131. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

There were none.

132. Consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes of 20 August 2019

Accepted as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Green; seconded by Cllr Hardie; all in favour.

Cllr Hardie confirmed that she had drafted the letter pertinent to agenda item 124A and would supply to the Deputy Clerk for circulation to all.

133. Public Forum

Members of the public spoke both for and against application DC/19/2796/RG3

In support, comments were received on the benefits of cycling for both health and the environment and how the bridge would form transport habitats and provide better connectivity e.g. from Oulton Broad to the Denes High School.

Against, comments were received concerning the heavily traffic congested areas at Harbour Road and the possible danger to cyclists existing the path, the loss of trees and the ecological impact, the privacy of adjoining properties from the increased height of the bridge and how motorbikes may encroach onto the cycle path due to the improved access.

134. Planning applications

Consideration of the following planning applications (all available on www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and deciding the recommendations of the Council:

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/19/2796/RG3	Land Between Constable Close and Harbour Road - Pedestrian and cycle bridge over railway.	Oulton Broad

After discussion and perusal of the plans and comments submitted to date, it was proposed by Cllr Taylor; seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed that a recommendation on this application is deferred to 24 September Planning Committee and a request is submitted to ESC to provide an independent environment assessment of the scheme.

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DC/19/3174/FUL	Sandalwood, Irex Road - Extension and Alterations to facilitate disabled adaptations and access	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor; seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/19/3229/TCA	5 North Parade - Front garden 1 x Oak - Crown reduce up to 20%, Crown thin up to 15% Remove deadwood and raise up to 6m roadside and balance where possible Reason: general maintenance pruning to make tree safer for near future	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie; seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/19/3201/FUL	Land Adjacent To 42 Elm Tree Road - Proposed new dwelling and associated works	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Green; seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		

135. Planning Determinations

- a. There were no Planning Determinations issued by the Planning Authority which were contrary to the recommendations of the Town Council.
- b. Receipt of reports from East Suffolk Council Referral Panel – there were no reports to note.
- c. The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Appeal Under Section 78. Appeal DC/19/2051/FUL - erection of bungalow at Part Rear Garden of 9 , Glebe Close, Lowestoft was noted.

On an urgent matter, the Town Council had been asked to submit comments on an extension to the HAS boundary on the south side. The plans had been considered at the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee and no objections were raised. This Committee considered the revision to the boundary and any detrimental impacts and there was agreement (proposed by Cllr Barnard, seconded by Cllr Frost) that there were no objections to the suggested boundary change. This would be reported back to East Suffolk Council.

136. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 10 September at 16.30

137. Items for the next Agenda – No matters were raised

138. Resolution to close the meeting to the public – There were no confidential items.

The Chair closed the meeting 18.10

Signed:

10 September 2019