

Lowestoft Town Council
Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft NR32 1DE
17.00 on Tuesday 25 February 2020

MINUTES

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

In attendance: Sarah Foote Deputy Town Clerk.

Public: None in attendance

321. Welcome

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

322. Receipt and consideration of acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Eastwood and accepted. Proposed by Cllr Frost, seconded by Cllr Hardie.

323. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

There were none declared.

324. Accuracy of the Minutes of 4 February 2020

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

325. Public Forum

There were no members present.

326. Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/20/0345/TCA	38 Kirkley Park Road - Front garden T1 Hawthorn - Removal to ground level reducing any damage, due to the close proximity to the house	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0358/FUL	Sea View Arbor Lane - Construction of single storey side extension to form a garage/store	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0388/TCA	Shaftesbury Court, Rectory Road - Whitebeam (1) fell as tree not retained in post demolition Landscape Plan Whitebeam (3) fell as tree not retained in post demolition Landscape Plan Whitebeam (4) fell as tree not retained in post demolition Landscape Plan Whitebeam (5) fell as tree not retained in post demolition Landscape Plan Whitebeam (6) fell as tree not retained in post demolition Landscape Plan Whitebeam (7) fell as tree not retained in post demolition Landscape Plan Cabbage Palm (11) fell as tree not retained in post demolition Landscape Plan	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed (four votes in favour and two votes against (Cllrs Green and Youngman)) to recommend approval of this application		
DC/20/0651/FUL	Hackbridge 61 London Road - Provision of dropped kerb and parking to front garden space	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application as per the comments which were submitted with the original application for the extension to the property (DC/19/3567); concern for road safety, due to its proximity to a pedestrian crossing, the detrimental changes to the street scene and the removal of grass being in contradiction to the Town Council's declaration of a climate emergency.		

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DC/20/0493/TPO	Boudreaux Lodge 18 Whitton Close - Tree Preservation Order: No.315 2001 (T5 and T2) Tree T1 Cherry and T5 Oak of MWA Arboricultural Report Works - Remove Reason: The above trees are considered to be responsible for root induced clay shrinkage subsidence damage to 18 Whitton Close, Lowestoft, NR33 9RG. Please see attached statement of reason for works Replacement planting of standard size tree with agreement of Local Authority. The following species are suggested: Hornbeam or Field maple	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application. It was agreed to request that the commitment to replant standard size trees was honoured.		
DC/20/5063/VOC	243 Long Road - Variation of Condition No.2 of DC/10/0003/FUL - Construction of 3no. detached houses. Removal of Condition 2 - Alteration to the design and siting of plot 1.	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0502/TPO	2 Farm Close - TPO62 G6 - Rear Garden 1 x Sycamore - Reduce to previous pruning points, to maintain size	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Hardie and agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/0413/TPO	1 Hornbeam Close - TPO 341 T1 Hornbeam - Reshape laterals (garage side only) by 2.5m max. Reason - To reduce encroachment onto garages and caravan park.	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application. At 17.25 and ahead of consideration of the next application Cllr Parker left the meeting.		
DC/20/0412/TPO	112 Yarmouth Road - TPO 92 T1& T2 Macrocarpa - Fell to ground level. Reason - Trees have been in decline from damage caused by bad weather a few years ago. The upper canopy was removed leaving large wounds that haven't recovered causing peeling bark and soft rot which is visible from 3m upwards - Multiple branches have failed due to this and with the location of the trees being on the neighbours boundary it has become a risk to both parties. The client is more than happy to replant 2 semi-mature trees in a more suitable section of garden	Gunton and St Margarets
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application. It was agreed to request that the commitment to replant semi mature trees was honoured. 17.28 Cllr Parker returned to the meeting.		
DC/20/0492/FUL	14 - 15 Waveney Road - Replacement of front elevation windows	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Barnard and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application as the windows are of heritage style and will support energy saving.		
DC/20/0487/FUL	6 Holton Avenue - Proposed front extension and car port.	Oulton Broad
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application as the proposed structure would extend beyond the building line at the front of the properties in this road, would result in over development of the site and lead to a loss of light for neighbouring properties		

327. Planning Determinations

a. Comments supplied by ESC Planning Officer on Town Council recommendations for the following applications:
DC/20/0226/ADI 54 London Road North - Illuminated Advertisement Consent- New rear sign panel with internally illuminated individual letters and logo

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DC/20/0129/FUL - 26 The Avenue - Replacement rear extension, replacement garage and workshop, remove conservatory and proposed alteration to elevations and front boundary were noted and it was agreed that the Committee were now content to recommend approval of both applications subject to enforcement action if DC/20/0226/ADI did extend to works outside the remit of advertising consent.

b. Planning Determinations issued by the Planning Authority which were contrary to the recommendations of the Town Council – there were none to note.

c. Reports from East Suffolk Council Referral Panel - there were none to note. Correspondence from the Planning Inspectorate regarding application DC/19/1589/FUL (Construction of a four storey dwelling with three storey each end and construction of another two, four storey dwellings, comprising nine residential units in total) was noted and that the applicant had appealed the decision from the Planning Authority to refuse the application.

328. Neighbourhood Planning

a. A response had been received from East Suffolk Council regarding vacant properties in Lowestoft and the powers the District Council may have to request improvements. It was agreed to write to the Head of Planning to ask why ESC were not exercising their powers in relation to serving section 215 notices on property owners.

b The Sub Committee had completed their work on designation of local green spaces, parks, and recreation and play areas. Planning Policy Officers from East Suffolk Council had attended the last meeting along with the owner of land designated for development within the Waveney Local Plan. The Council's NDP Consultant had recently been commissioned to assist with drafting policies for the plan and it was hoped this would progress the NDP to regulation 14 within the near future.

329. Consultations

a. Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council - EDFE Sizewell C Consultation plans. It was agreed that the Town Council were not in a position to comment on these plans but individuals were welcome to do so if they so wished.

b. Suffolk Highways - Beresford Road, Lowestoft – Proposed One-Way Restriction to consider the implementation of a one-way restriction heading from the north to the south of Beresford Road, Lowestoft. This is situated from the junction with St Peter's Street to the junction with Love Road. It was agreed to recommend support of this proposal (proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Green).

c. Broads Authority - amended Flood Risk Supplementary Planning Document for the Broads. It was agreed that the Town Council would not to comment on these plans but individuals were welcome to do so if they so wished.

At 18.00 Cllr Parker left the meeting and did not return.

330. Licensing – there were no applications to consider.

331. Highways – there were no applications for Town Council support to consider (see 329B above).

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

333. Resident infrastructure concerns – no reports were made.

334. Date of the next meeting – 17.00 on Tuesday 10 March 2020. It was noted that the Deputy Clerk would attend CIL and responding to planning application training sessions at East Suffolk Council on 4 March and 18 March respectively.

335. Items for the next Agenda - No matters were raised for the next agenda.

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

Meeting closed at 18.13

Signed:

10 March 2020