

Lowestoft Town Council

Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee

First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft NR32 1DE
17.00 on Tuesday 9 July 2019

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Amanda Frost, Jacqueline Hardie, Peter Knight, Graham Parker and Alice Taylor

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

Public: Representatives from Lowestoft Players and the Bethel Theatre

62. Welcome

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

63. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies had previously been received from Cllr Eastwood who would not be able to attend meeting until September. Acceptance of this long term apology through to September 2019 had been agreed at the 28 May 2019 meeting. Apologies were also received from Cllrs Green, Barnard and Youngman and accepted by the Council (proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Parker).

64. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

65. To consider the accuracy of the Minutes of 25 June 2019

Accepted as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Parker; seconded by Cllr Frost; all in favour.

66. Public Forum

The Committee received a presentation on the plans to expand and renovate the Bethel Theatre building. The £1.5m project would seek external funding. The current building has a number of community users and it is hoped that this will continue and expand into the new building.

67. Planning applications

To consider the following planning applications (all available on www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk) and decide the recommendations of the Council:

Reference	Address and Description	Ward
DC/19/2467/FUL	4 Kilbourn Road - Construction of a single storey rear extension	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor; seconded by Cllr Parker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/19/2490/COU	120 London Road North - Change of Use, First floor store into 2 No. self contained flats.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Parker; seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application with the recommendation that bicycle storage (hanging racks) are installed by the bin storage.		
DC/19/2451/FUL	Land north of Barnards Way - Siting of two containers, two generators and associated air conditioning equipment surrounded by 2.4-metre-high mesh fencing for use as a data centre (Use Class B8)	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie; seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/19/2551/TCA	5 Yarmouth Road - T1 Beech - Remove to a 4ft stump due to concerns about safety -	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor; seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		

68. Planning Determinations

The Deputy Clerk reminded the Committee of the scheme of delegation in place at East Suffolk Council by which applications are decided. Copies of relevant documents were provided to all Councillors.

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The following Planning Determinations made by the Planning Authority which were contrary to the recommendations of the Town Council were noted:

DC/19/2051/FUL	Part rear of Garden of 9 Glebe House, Lowestoft	Gunton
The Town Council had recommended approval of this application, however, the planning authority had refused the application.		

69. Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Taylor provided a report of the last Working Group where policy on Kirkley Waterfront had been explored. Work was ongoing with stakeholder mapping and engagement.

70. Consultations

There were no consultations to consider

71. Licensing

There were no applications to consider.

72. Sites under ongoing consideration

Cllr Taylor reported the possibility of a Heritage Action Zone for the South of the Town and how a letter of support for this would be submitted.

73. Resident infrastructure concerns

Cllr Taylor had received a report on difficulties a community group had experienced on accessing the land at Kirkley Ham for voluntary activities and how reports were being made to her that the land may be used in relation to the construction of the third crossing. These matters and ownership of the land would be investigated.

74. Littering Education Day – 17 August

It was agreed that Cllr Parker would attend a meeting on 16 July to consider East Suffolk Council's intentions to run further events around litter awareness.

75. Date of the next meeting – 17.00 on Tuesday 23 July 2019.

76. Items for the next Agenda – Ownership/restrictions/future uses of Kirkley Ham.

77. There were no matters which required the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Meeting Closed: 17.45

Signed:

23 July 2019