

Lowestoft Town Council

Meeting of the Planning Committee

First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft at 17.15 on Tuesday 1st February 2022

MINUTES

Present (in person): Cllrs Wendy Brooks, Alan Green, Peter Knight (Chair) and Peter Lang

In attendance (remotely via Zoom): Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

Public: There were no members of the public in attendance (either in person or via Zoom webinar). Two Officers from Suffolk Highways were in attendance at the meeting.

160. Welcome

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

161. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Pearce and Cllr Newsome. Cllr Green proposed acceptance of the apologies received; seconded by Cllr Lang; all in favour. Cllr Taylor was absent.

162. Declarations of Interests and dispensations Cllr Green declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/21/5687/FUL in relation with this association with Lowestoft Football Club.

163. The draft Minutes of 18th January 2022 – Cllr Lang proposed acceptance of the minutes; seconded by Cllr Brooks; all in favour.

164. Any advance comments from the public on any matters on this agenda – No advance comments had been received. There were no members of the public in attendance.

165. Highways

Various matters were raised with the Suffolk Highways Community Liaison Engineers and summarised as follows; Councillors were also directed to the Suffolk Highways Operational Plan for assessment criteria as a tool for determining if concerns met the defects criteria or not.

- Hollow Grove Way (Cowslip Crescent and Yarrow Drive) – extension of yellow lines to stop on-street parking near junctions and possibility of replacing grass verges with parking bays
- Gainsborough School, Gunton Avenue and Gainsborough Drive - parking
- Corton Road - Cycle Lane Markings – faded cycle lane lines.
- High Street/Rant Score – condition of surface on speed table .
- Marine Parade/ Cliff Road Speed Tables - condition of surface
- London Road / Carlton Road junction - condition of
- Saltwater Way / Victoria Road - Vegetation over cycleway
- Normanston Park to Peto Way – overhanging vegetation
- Parking Restriction Requests – in general, it was noted that the best approach would be for the Town Council to agree a list of locations for additional or new yellow lines and these be submit to Suffolk Highways for consideration as one traffic regulation order application.

166. Planning applications

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

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/22/0054/FUL	15 Newlands Close - Extension and Alterations.	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Lang and agreed (five votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Knight)) to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/21/5687/FUL	Nexen Lift Trucks Ltd Riverside Road - New weighbridge and administration office, new vehicle and pedestrian site access related to third crossing bridge	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Knight and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/22/0049/FUL	17 Lyngate Avenue - front and rear extensions	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		

DC/21/5606/FUL	119 -125 London Road North - Redevelopment of the site to provide a mixed-use development retaining commercial floor space (Class E) at ground floor level. Part demolition of first floor and conversion of part ground, first and second floor to provide Class C3 residential units with enabling fenestration alterations, ancillary amenity space, cycle and car parking, refuse storage, access and other associated works	Harbour and Normanston
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It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.

b. Applications for tree works – It was noted that the Planning Authority had received the following applications for works for trees subject to a tree preservation order (TPO) and/or proposed works to trees within a Conservation Area (TCA) and comment as appropriate.

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/22/0238/TPO	20 Uplands Road North – Oak on garden boundary with road junction: carry out a 30% crown reduction to reduce the risk of branch failure.	Carlton and Whitton

c. Any reports from the East Suffolk Council Referral Panel – There were none.

d. The appeal AP/21/0071/REFUSE against decision of East Suffolk Council to refuse planning permission for DC/21/3858 - To relocate fence to the boundary of our property and in line with the front of the house. Fence would be 1.8m high was noted.

167. East Suffolk Council Community Led Housing Event on 27 April – it was agreed that Cllr Brooks would attend on behalf of the Town Council. Proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Knight; all in favour.

168. The adoption of the extended South Lowestoft/Kirkley Conservation Area and accompanying Appraisal and Management Plan was noted.

169. Consultations:

a. Nomination as a Listing as an Asset of Community Value – Fighting Cocks Public House, Carlton Road, Lowestoft. It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Green and agreed (three votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Lang)) to support this application as the Committee were in agreement that this facility is of benefit to the local community.

170. Date and time of the next meeting - Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 16.30

171. Items for the next Agenda – none were requested.

The Chair closed the meeting 18:06

Signed:

15 February 2022