

Lowestoft Town Council

Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee

Via Video Meeting
Tuesday 22 September 2020 at 16.30

MINUTES

Video meeting participants: Cllrs Sue Barnard, Alan Green, Peter Knight, Andy Pearce and Alice Taylor

Also participating: Sarah Foote (Deputy Clerk) and James Cox (Administration and Finance Assistant)

472. Welcome

The right to report and the application of the video meeting protocol were explained and noted, and the meeting was welcomed.

473. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Parker, Frost and Hardie and accepted (proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Green) and unanimously agreed. Cllr Eastwood and Carlton were absent.

474. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

Cllr Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 478 as she had attended a national panel to consider the government white paper.

475. It was noted that the Minutes of 8 September 2020 would be agreed at the next appropriate meeting

465. Any advance comments from the public on any matters on this agenda - none.

466. Planning applications

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

Table 1 Planning Applications

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/20/3473/FUL	14 Merrifield Road - new dwelling	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Barnard and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application due to overdevelopment of the site and the impact of the dwellings to the rear of Merrifield Road.		
DC/20/3472/FUL	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Kirkley Cliff Road - The proposal seeks to soft and hard landscape an area of the schools land in order to extend their current outside play areas, including a new 2.0m high weldmesh fencing along the boundary to Kensington Gardens. The proposed fence would be the same as the school currently have on the existing southern boundary of the play area.	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application as the original intended use for this space, when transferred to the school, was for a garden - this application suggests that grass will be replaced with concrete and would be create a non permeable surface. The Town Council would like a permeable surface to be considered. Secondly, the standard of design of the fence is not appropriate for the conservation area and to adjoin the setting of the heritage park.		
DC/20/3389/FUL	63 Stevens Street - Dropping of kerb to facilitate off road parking on already complete hard standing to assist with disabled driver parking	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Barnard and agreed (three votes in favour, two against) to recommend refusal of this application due to the resultant loss of street parking due to the creation of the drop kerb. It was suggested that a designated parking space may be an alternative solution.		

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Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/20/3462/PN3	40 Alexandra Road - Prior Notification - Change of Use from Offices (Class B1(a)) to dwelling houses (Class C3)	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed (one abstention) to recommend approval of this application .		
DC/20/3376/FUL	Land at Ness Point, Gas Works Road - Erection of a flexible power generation facility and battery storage facility with associated ancillary infrastructure, access and boundary treatment.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of this application. The Town Council wishes it to be noted that they are landowners of the adjacent Ness Point and is in agreement with the economic regeneration comments, and particularly policy WLP2.5 of the Local Plan and the importance of Ness Point for the tourism economy.		
DC/20/3386/FUL	1A Princes Walk - Side extension to kitchen	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Barnard and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/3469/FUL	83 Park Road - Construction of a single storey rear extension	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/3408/FUL	15 Milton Road East - Change of use from offices E to Fish and Chip shop. A5 and sub-division to form three additional retail shops including convenience store (E).	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/3369/FUL	4 Hogarth Walk - Two storey front and first floor side extensions	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/3479/FUL	24 Colville Road - Construction of single storey rear facing extension, extending 6000 x 4620, with a flat roof and bifold doors to rear of the extension	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/20/3540/COU	72 Pinewood Avenue - Change of use from A1 to A5	Carlton and Whitton
All Councillors declared that they had been directly supplied with additional information on this application. It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		

b. Applications for tree works - Noting that the Planning Authority has 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). The Town Council will note these applications.

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Table 2 Applications for tree works

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/20/3460/TPO	25 Thornham Close - TPO 50 Rear garden 2 x Oaks - Reduction of crown to approx. blue outline (on attached plan) Reason: to maintain health & condition in its location with changing biotic and abiotic factors	Kirkley and Pakefield
DC/20/3481/TCA	15 Kirkley Park Road -Rear garden T1 Griselinia (large shrub) - Removal due to excessive size and shading. Front garden T2 Beech (grouping of 3) - Overall crown reduction and shape by up to 2m with up to 4m on laterals to reduce away from neighbouring buildings and to reduce excessive shading	Kirkley and Pakefield
DC/20/3482/TCA	2 Union Place - Front of 2 Union Lane T1 Ash Crown reduce and shape by up to 2m to reduce away from buildings.	Kirkley and Pakefield
These applications were noted and there were no comments or concerns.		

c. The following reports had been received from East Suffolk Council Referral Panel - none received
d. There were no planning determinations issued by the Planning Authority which were contrary to the recommendations of the Town Council - none

478. Consultations

467.a Planning for the Future (Government White Paper) - Cllr Taylor provided details from a panel she had attended which had discussed the implications of the White Paper and NDPs. It was noted the deadline to respond to this consultation was 29 October. The NDP Sub-Committee would also be considering how to respond. It was agreed to agenda this item for the next meeting.

479. Local Listings


It was agreed to ask the East Suffolk Council Senior Design and Conservation Officer to attend the next meeting in order to progress local listings not being listed on the planning portal as a 'constraint' and how the local list for Lowestoft can be maintained and updated.

480. General Permitted Development Order (GDPO) and Use Classes Order (UCO) - a written presentation supplied by East Suffolk Council was noted.

481. Date of the next meeting – 17.00 Tuesday 13 October 2020.

482. Items for the next Agenda. Local Listings. Response to Planning Changes White Paper.

Meeting Closed 17.45

Signed: 
27 April 2021