

Lowestoft Town Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee

Remote meeting, with webinar function, at 18.00 on Tuesday 13 April 2021

Video meeting participants: Cllrs Amanda Frost, Alan Green, Jacqueline Hardie, Peter Knight (Chair), Peter Lang, Andy Pearce and Alice Taylor.

Also participating: Sarah Foote (Deputy Clerk)

617. Welcome

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

618. Apologies for absence

Cllr Frost informed the meeting that she would be leaving at 19.00. Cllr Hardie informed the meeting that she would be leaving at 20.00. Cllr Carlton was absent.

619. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

Cllr Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application DC/21/1168/FUL.

620. Minutes of last meeting - it was noted that the minutes of 23 March 2021 would be agreed at the next appropriate meeting.

621. Public comments had been submitted in relation to DC/21/1208/FUL; DC/21/1187/FUL and agenda item 622d had been considered by all members and were noted. A member of the public joined the meeting via the webinar function and spoke against approval of application DC/21/1187/FUL.

622. Planning applications

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

Table 1 Planning Applications

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/21/1208/FUL	Jubilee Parade The Esplanade - Replacement beach huts on two levels of jubilee parade. Total 72 beach huts, with associated platform, and access stairs. Provision of 6 accessible beach huts.	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Green and agreed (five votes in favour, two against (Cllrs Frost and Pearce)) to recommend approval with the request that a 10% allocation for disabled access in the beach huts for sale and for rental would be preferable and that before approval of this design of beach hut measures to deter any anti-social behaviour (such as climbing walking on flat roofs or access to the hidden spaces to the rear of the beach huts) were explored. During the consideration of this application, reference was made to the proximity of CEFAS and as such Cllr Knight declared an interest due to his employment with the organisation.		
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It was proposed by Cllr Hardie seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to recommend approval		
DC/21/1324/OUT	211 Yarmouth Road - Outline Planning Application All Matters Reserved Single Detached Dwelling	Gunton St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Hardie and agreed (four votes in favour, three against (Cllrs Lang, Green and Pearce)) to recommend approval		
DC/21/1345/FUL	Birds Eye Ltd Whapload Road - extend the drop kerbs to improve the car park access and egress.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed to recommend approval		

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Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/21/1414/FUL	Sea View, Arbor Lane - Roof extension and replacement front porch	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval. It was asked that the public comments were noted and that a considerate construction plan is agreed.		
DC/21/1320/PN3	Imperial House 2-3 Bevan Street - Prior Notification Application - Change of use from offices at second floor into 2 no. flats	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to submit the following comment. Whilst the committee would be minded to approve such an application, the documents submitted and the description of the application lacked clarity. From the description it was understood that it was the second floor to be changed from offices to flats, however, the plans show both the first and second floor to be changed.		
DC/21/1165/FUL	147 Stradbroke Road - An extension to the west side of the property, full height and to mirror the length of the original property, with an open ground floor storage area allowing access to the back of the property. The original roof will be carried across the new proposed west extension, finished with matching reclaimed roof tiles to keep the 1930 style of the house	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Lang , seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval. At 19.00 Cllr Frost left the meeting.		
DC/21/1187/FUL	Land Rear of 17 Yarmouth Road - Construction of a 3 bedroom detached bungalow and garage	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Pearce and agreed (four votes in favour, two against (Cllrs Knight and Taylor)) to recommend refusal due to over development of the site and the harmful impact of such development on the ecology of the site.		
DC/21/1314/FUL	63 Stubbs Wood - Proposed two storey side extension	Gunton St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to recommend approval		
DC/21/1217/FUL	44 Nelson Road - Porch alterations and rear extension	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr, seconded by Cllr and unanimously agreed to recommend approval		
DC/21/1194/PN3	26 London Road – Prior notification, Pilates studio relocation	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend approval		
DC/21/1487/FUL	10 Magdalen Close - Construction of single storey front and rear extensions	Gunton St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed to recommend approval		

b. Cllr Taylor proposed that she attend a future meeting of the East Suffolk Planning Committee (North) where application DC/21/1208/FUL (replacement beach huts on Jubilee Parade) would be considered. This was seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed.

c. It was noted that the Planning Authority has received the following application for repair/replacement windows within a Conservation Area and this would be assessed in line with East Suffolk Councils window policy

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scoring system. <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/design-and-conservation/conservation-areas/value-your-historic-windows/window-policy-scoring-system/>

Table 2 Applications received by the Planning Authority

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/21/1168/FUL	345 London Road South - Replace front house windows	Kirkley and Pakefield

d. Correspondence from the Planning Officer in relation to DC/21/0207/FUL - 313 London Road South (change/renew fascia boards at front of house) regarding the use of materials was considered. It was noted that the original recommendation for refusal was not just down to the materials being used but also the design and the need for the design to be like the other 31 neighbouring properties within the same style terraces along London Road South. Therefore it was both the design and the type of material used that the council were objecting to in the application as originally presented and in the absence of a revised application that addressed both, it was agreed that the original recommendation, made at a meeting on 9 March, or refusal still stood.

e. There were no reports from East Suffolk Council Referral Panel. It was noted that at that day's ESC Planning Committee North, planning permission had been granted for the new access (off Field View Drive) to Normanston Allotments.

623. Consultation on the removal of BT public payphones

The proposed removal of payphones in the following locations was noted and it was proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Hardie that the Town Council does not object to the removal of these kiosks and does not wish to acquire these kiosk via the BT Adopt a Kiosk Scheme:

- a. Near station forecourt, Normanston Drive
- b. Claremont Road, London Road
- c. Opposite No. 69, Love Road
- d. Junction of Victoria Terrace, Waterloo Road
- e. Commercial Road
- f. Market Place Triangle, St. Peters Street
- g. O/S 75/77 Oulton Road
- H. Junction of London Rd South, Acton Road

624. Correspondence from Theberton and Eastbridge Parish Council on ESC Planning protocols and make response as appropriate. It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to express support for the content of the correspondence received. The Town Council shared a number of the concerns Theberton and Eastbridge had raised including that the current system used by ESC was not transparent nor as responsive as it could be and there was a lack of opportunity for local representation. It was agreed that these concerns should be submitted to ESC and taken into account during any review of their planning protocols.

625. The East Suffolk Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document and baseline evidence for the East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule was noted. Cllr Green and Cllr Taylor had attended a CIL information session at ESC and it was agreed no further action was currently required.

626. Licensing

The following Street Trading Licence renewal applications (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982) were considered:

- a. Sizzlers, Mr Peter Goldsmith, London Road North, Lowestoft to sell Hot BBQ food & hot & cold drinks. Friday and Saturday 8:00 to 16:30

It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to support this application, however, it had been noted that trading was currently taking place outside the days of this licence.

- b. Parravani's, Mr Adrian Nichols, All consent streets within the North of the district To sell Ice cream, lollies, soft drinks and confectionery. Wednesday to Monday 11:00 to 20:00

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627. East Anglia One North Project – EN010077 and East Anglia Two North Project – EN010078.

It was noted that the Secretary of State has granted a three month extension to the Examination.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010077-004696> and

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN010078-004292>

628. Date of the next meeting – 16.30 on Tuesday 27 April 2021.

629. Items for the next Agenda – none. But it was noted that the Highways Liaison meeting would take place before the start of the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 19.52.


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Signed:

27 April 2021