

Lowestoft Town Council

Minutes of Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee

Remote meeting at 16.30 on Tuesday 27 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)

630. Welcome

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

631. Apologies for absence

Cllr Carlton was absent.

632. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

Cllr Frost declared a pecuniary interest in application DC/21/0895/FUL.

During the meeting Cllr Lang declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/21/1776/FUL

633. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 13 April 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair (proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Taylor. Furthermore, it was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Hardie and agreed that the minutes from 17 March 2020 to 23 March 2021, which had previously been accepted, should be signed by the Chair.

634. Public comments had been submitted in relation to DC/21/0895/FUL and had been considered by all members and were noted

635. 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/21/1685/FUL	Mere Breeze 11A Middle Way - single storey front and rear extensions	Gunton St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor , seconded by Cllr Frost and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.		
DC/21/1530/FUL	8 Cranworth Gardens - Proposed extension, internal alterations and double garage	Oulton Broad (St Margaret's West)
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Hardie and unanimously agreed to recommend approval		
DC/21/0895/FUL	43 St Johns Road - Demolition of the residential accommodation and the garage to be replaced with a new house with seven one bedroom units.	Kirkley and Pakefield
At 16.39 Cllr Frost left the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Hardie, seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal. This application did not meet several of the criteria of WLP8.29 - namely local character and distinctiveness, overall scale, height of existing buildings, street scene. It was not apparent that this was currently a residential property and to redevelop what in effect will be an HMO for seven plus people does not respond to the local context. There was no 'integrated car parking' with the development in an area where off road parking was in very short supply. It was also agreed to ask that when the application was determined by the Planning Authority that all public comments, particularly relating to the history of the building and site, are given due consideration. At 16.59 Cllr Frost returned to the meeting.		

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Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/21/1493/FUL	147 London Road North - Partial change of use from office space to create 6 residential apartments. Portion of retail space is retained on the ground floor.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend approval		
DC/21/1496/FUL	Pakefield Caravan Park, Arbor Lane - Proposed siting of 7 static caravans in lieu of 12 touring caravan pitches, together with environmental improvements	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal. because of concern that the application would remove the ability to use the site in the way it was originally intended, for touring caravans, and by decreasing from 12 to 7 limit the number of tourists visiting the town.		
DC/21/0845/LBC	1 - 2 Wedgewood Court North Parade - Replacement of the handrails on the entrance steps	Gunton St Margarets
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie , seconded by Cllr Frost and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.		
DC/21/1639/FUL	44 Broadwaters Road - Existing flat roof over the garage and porch to be pitched at the front of the house to allow for additional height in the porch and downstairs toilet.	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Green , seconded by Cllr Lang and agreed(six votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Hardie) to recommend approval.		
DC/21/1713/TEL	A47 Lowestoft - Proposed 20m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Pearce and agreed (six votes in favour, one against (Cllr Hardie)) to recommend approval.		
DC/21/1776/FUL	2 Cowslip Crescent - Single storey rear extension	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Hardie , seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.		

b. Applications for tree works. It was noted that the Planning Authority had received the following application 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.

Table 2 Applications for tree works

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/21/1857/TCA	Rear garden 1 x Contorted Willow - Reduce by up to 30% 1 x small leaning Hawthorn - Fell to remove to ground level 59 The Avenue	Kirkley and Pakefield
DC/21/1749/TCA	36 High Street - Rear garden Fell leaning Leylandii underneath upright Leylandii.	Harbour and Normanston

c. The following report from the East Suffolk Council Referral Panel was noted:

DC/21/0207/FUL - 313 London Road South, Retention of fascia board. The item was referred, as officers are minded to recommend approval, conditional upon further modifications to the fascia in the form of cut out detailing and the reinstatement of a finial, which was contrary to the recommendation of Lowestoft Town Council, who wished to see the fascia entirely replaced with a

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correctly detailed timber board and finial. The Panel were appraised of all of the concerns raised by third parties and a full report will be available for viewing on the Council's website, along with the decision, shortly.

636. Licensing

The following Pavement Licence application (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982) was considered:

a. The Red Mingo, 4 Surrey Street - approval for 24 chairs and 8 tables, Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm. It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to support this application.

637. Correspondence in relation to Oil Deposits at North Beach (Gunton Warren) was considered. It was noted that this would also be considered by the Climate Emergency Committee and it was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Hardie and agreed (six votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Frost) that Councillor James Mallinder as East Suffolk Council cabinet member for the environment be asked to comment on the correspondence.

688. Date of the next meeting – 16.30 on Tuesday 4 May 2021.

639. Items for the next Agenda – none. Meeting closed at 17.35

Signed: 

25 May 2021