

Lowestoft Town Council
Meeting of the Planning Committee
Whitton Residents' Hall, Hawthorn Avenue Lowestoft
Tuesday 24 August 2021 16:30

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Wendy Brooks, Peter Knight (Chair), Peter Lang, Andy Pearce and Alice Taylor

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

Public: There were no members of the public in attendance (either in person or via Zoom webinar)

66. Welcome

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

67. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Green and accepted. Proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Lang; all in favour.

68. Declarations of Interests and dispensations

a. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from councillors on items on the Agenda:

Cllr Brooks declared a non-pecuniary interest in DC/21/3608/PN3 and as she felt pre-determined towards the application would leave the meeting when this was considered.

Cllr Pearce declared a non-pecuniary interest in DC/21/3608, DC/21/3543 and DC/21/3751.

b. Written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – There were none.

59. The draft Minutes of 10 August 2021 – it was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes subject to one amendment (which was also proposed by Cllr Pearce, and seconded by Cllr Lang).

69. Advance comments from the public on any matters on this agenda – No advance comments had been received and no members of the public were in attendance, either in person or via Zoom webinar.

71. Planning applications

a. Consideration of 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/21/3700/FUL	20 Lansdowne Road - Rear loft dormer	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend approval subject to an application form being submitted and displayed on the planning portal.		
DC/21/3606/FUL	80 Walmer Road – single storey rear garage extension	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks to recommend refusal due to overdevelopment, seconded by Cllr Pearce and not agreed (Cllrs Brooks and Pearce in favour, Cllrs Knights, Lang, Taylor against). It was then proposed by Cllr Lang to recommend support, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed (three votes in favour (Cllrs Lang, Taylor, Knights), two votes against (Cllrs Pearce and Brooks)).		
DC/21/3070/FUL	Anchor Lodge Arbor Lane - One bed holiday let in private enclosed garden area with own private entrance off the road parking with sewerage water and electrical supply. Log cabin 18ft 4 inch X 12ft with ridge height 6ft.	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Brooks and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal due to the proposed dwelling representing overdevelopment of the site, there is not enough outside space to accommodate an independent property, lack of bin provision. The Town Council would also welcome Suffolk Highways report and ask that their recommendations be taken into account before any permission was granted.		

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Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/21/2241/FUL	Flat at 65 - 67 Lawson Road - Part of first floor to create a new two bedroom flat and erect the external staircase to give an access to the flats above	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks to recommend refusal. This was not seconded. It was then proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Lang and agreed (three votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Pearce), one against (Pearce) to recommend approval.		
DC/21/3543/FUL	25 Gainsborough Drive – Single storey front extension	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was firstly proposed by Cllr Lang to recommend approval of the application, seconded by Cllr Pearce and not agreed (one vote in favour (Cllr Lang), one against (Cllr Brooks) and three abstentions (Cllrs Knights, Taylor and Pearce). Cllr Brooks then proposed refusal due to detriment to the street scene and overdevelopment, seconded by Cllr Knights and not agreed (one vote in favour (Cllr Brooks), one against (Cllr Lang) and three abstentions (Cllrs Knights, Pearce and Taylor). It was further proposed by Cllr Knights to recommend approval of the application, seconded by Cllr Pearce and agreed (three votes in favour (Cllrs Knights, Pearce, Lang and Taylor), one vote against (Cllrs Brooks)).		
DC/21/3699/FUL	12 Minos Road - Single storey rear extension	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Pearce , seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.		
DC/21/3697/FUL	9 Gunton Church Lane - Front porch extension and garage	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Pearce and agreed to recommend approval (four votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Brooks)).		
DC/21/3751/FUL	19 Gainsborough Drive - Construction of a two storey front extension	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Lang and agreed to recommend approval (four votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Brooks)).		
DC/21/3608/PN3	Miniature Golf Course Kiosk, Dip Farm, Corton Road - Prior Notification - Change of use required - it is currently rated as Sui Generis and we wish to use as a takeaway coffee/snack/sandwich outlet	Gunton and St Margaret's
At 17.13 Cllr Brooks left the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to recommend approval subject to adequate bin provision. At 17.15 Cllr Brooks returned to the meeting.		
DC/21/3756/FUL	11 High Beech - Ground and first floor extensions materials	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Pearce , seconded by Cllr Taylor and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.		
DC/21/3827/FUL	2 Garden Close - Retrospective Application - Garden office	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Lang and agreed (three votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Pearce), one against (Cllr Brooks)) to recommend approval.		

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):

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Table 2 Applications for Tree Works

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DC/21/3689/TCA	The Den High Street – 3 x sycamore – Fell due to excessive shading and because of close proximity, potential damage to walls and neighbouring buildings.	Harbour and Normanston

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

63. Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that the Planning Committee meetings would be on the first and third Tuesday of the month at a start time of either 16.30 or 17.00 dependent if there were any other committee meetings preceding.

64. Date of the next meeting – 7 September 2021 at 17.00

65. Items for the next Agenda – There were no requests for items to be added to the next agenda.

Meeting closed 18.00.



Signed:

7 September 2021