

Lowestoft Town Council

Meeting of the Planning Committee

First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft at 16.30 on Tuesday 18th January 2022

MINUTES

Present (in person): Cllrs Wendy Brooks, Alan Green, Peter Knight (Chair), Peter Lang, Christian Newsome, Andy Pearce

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)

151. Welcome

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

152. Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Taylor. Cllr Pearce proposed acceptance of the apologies received; seconded by Cllr Lang; all in favour.

153. Declarations of Interests and dispensations - Cllr Brooks declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/21/5612/FUL as the Ward Councillor for Gunton.

154. The draft Minutes of 30th November 2021 – Cllr Brooks proposed acceptance of the minutes; seconded by Cllr Green; all in favour.

155. 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.

156. Planning applications

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

Table 1 Planning Applications

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/21/5751/FUL	365 Yarmouth Road - Demolition of existing dwelling and detached double garage and construction of 1) a Replacement Dwelling and 2) a Church Hall, associated parking and works and a new vehicular access	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Brooks and agreed (five votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Knight)) to recommend refusal of this application due to concerns for access, with no consultee response from Suffolk Highways or National Highways to consider, and concern for loss of habitat and the effect on wildlife in the area.		
DC/21/5626/FUL	40 Gunton Drive - Rear single storey lounge extension	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/21/5612/FUL	5 Clover Way - Proposed replacement garage and new garden room	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Knight to recommend refusal due to the loss of habitat. This proposal was not carried (three votes in favour, three against and the Chair used his casting vote against the application). and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application. It was then proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Knight and agreed (three votes in favour, two against and one abstention) to recommend approval of the application.		
DC/21/5516/ADI	Premier Inn Yarmouth Road - Illuminated Advertisement Consent - Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Newsome and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/21/5243/VOC	Royal Court Hotel, 146 London Road South - Variation of Condition 2 of DC/20/1352/FUL - Redevelopment and extension of the former Royal	Kirkley and Pakefield

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	Court Hotel to provide a café (A3) at ground level and 15 residential flats - Alterations to previously approved drawings	
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/21/5591/FUL	329 Beccles Road - Proposed two storey rear extension	Carlton and Whitton
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of this application.		
DC/21/5574/LBC	Jubilee Bridge, The Ravine - Repair and refurbishment of existing Pedestrian Bridge	Harbour and Normanston
It was noted that this application had previously been considered and had appeared in the agenda in error and would not be considered further. Proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed.		
DC/21/5384/ADN	Station Square 18 - 32 London Road North - Non-Illuminated Advertisement Consent - to remove the signs and replace it with either sign writing directly onto the panel or having signage made up to project proud of the timber fascia like the Joseph Conrad. The entrance to the north shop was introduced during the division of the commercial units. Originally all glass, the proposal is to replace the modern door and side panel frame with a lobby door more appropriate to the 1930's and would replicate the idea of shopfront lobby as the one to the south. Within the recess, a new floor will be installed to the new lobby of either tiles or a mosaic flooring; this is designed to clearly denote the entrance to the shop. The missing grille above the north shopfront will be reinstated as powder coated aluminium in a pale grey or off-white to best match the colour of the stone	Harbour and Normanston
It was noted that this application had previously been considered and had appeared in the agenda in error. Proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed.		

b. It was noted that the Planning Authority had received the following applications for repair/replacement windows within a Conservation Area and these would be assessed in line with East Suffolk Councils window policy 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/21/5597/FUL	127-130 High Street - Replacement windows	Harbour and Normanston

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

157. The following renewal application for street trading consent was considered:

Farmhouse Kitchen - Hadenham Road, Lowestoft

To sell: Hot and cold snacks and refreshments

Days: Monday to Friday 7:30 to 16:30, Saturday 7:30 to 15:30 and Sunday 10:00 to 16:00. It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.

158. Date and time of the next meeting - Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 17.15.

159. Items for the next Agenda – It was confirmed that the Suffolk Highways Community Liaison Engineer would attend the meeting.

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The Chair closed the meeting 17:03.



Signed:

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