

Lowestoft Town Council
Meeting of the Planning Committee
Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft NR32 1DE
Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 17.15

MINUTES

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

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk) and Chris Meek (Office Assistant)

Public: None in attendance.

112. Welcome

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

113. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Pearce and Cllr Lang and accepted. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Green and unanimously agreed. Cllr Newsome was absent.

114. 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 application DC/21/3608

Cllr Pearce declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications DC/21/3608

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

115. The draft Minutes of 19 October 2021 – it was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes.

116. Advance comments from the public on any matters on this agenda – none.

117. Planning applications

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

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/21/3608/FUL	Miniature Golf Course Kiosk Dip Farm Corton Road - Change of use from kiosk for miniature golf to takeaway site for drinks / snacks. Installation of coffee machine, fridges, freezer, griddle, new windows and extractor fan.	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Pearce, seconded by Cllr Green and agreed (five votes in favour, one abstention (Cllr Brooks)) to recommend approval subject to adequate bin provision.		
DC/21/3994/CLP	Highgrove Close Residential Park Highgrove Close-Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed) - Use of land within the existing caravan site for the siting of static caravans without restriction on the number and layout of caravans up to a maximum of 22 caravan units on the site at any time within the area defined by the extant permission DC/98/0021/FUL, W382/20	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Brooks and unanimously agreed to recommend refusal of the application due to; over development of the site, lack of parking and residential amenity space and the environmental impacts of additional dwellings on the land.		
DC/21/4574/LBC	147 High Street -Listed Building Consent - Proposed internal works.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Pearce and unanimously agreed recommend approval of the internal works aspect of the application subject to support from Historic England and noted that the windows element would be assessed under the East Suffolk windows scoring policy.		
DC/21/4637/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	Kirkley and Pakefield

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	west extension, finished with matching reclaimed roof tiles to keep the 1930 style of the house	
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to recommend approval.		
DC/21/4336/FUL	9-11 Beach Road - Change of use of existing solicitors offices to residential use in the form of nine flats	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Lang and agreed (four votes in favour, one against (Cllr Brooks), one abstention (Cllr Pearce)) to recommend approval subject to the appropriate licences being in place for this type of operation in a residential area.		
DC/21/4669/FUL	90-94 St Peters Street - Change of use from a vacant tanning and beauty salon (Sui Generis) to a hot food takeaway (Sui Generis) and amalgamation with adjacent takeaway and associated external alterations.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Taylor and agreed (four votes in favour, two against (Cllrs Brooks and Pearce)) to recommend approval.		

b. There were no reports from the East Suffolk Council Referral Panel

c. It was noted that the following appeal had been made to the Planning Inspectorate:

DC/21/2191/FUL 329 London Road South - against the decision of East Suffolk Council to refuse planning permission for Change front windows.

118. Consultations:

a. The Suffolk County Council proposal to upgrade existing cycling and walking routes between Dell Road to the Kirkley Rise was noted and welcomed as an improvement. Proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed.

119. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 16.30

120. Items for the next Agenda – To consider making an approach to Suffolk Highways to make Rant Score a no entry Zone from west to east. ESC Planning Application referral scheme.

Meeting closed 18.00