

Lowestoft Town Council

Meeting of the Planning Committee

First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE
18.45 on Tuesday 29 November 2022

Present: Cllrs Peter Knight (Chair), Sonia Barker, Wendy Brooks, Peter Lang, David Le Grice and Christian Newsome

In attendance: Sarah Foote (Deputy Town Clerk)

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

MINUTES

122. Welcome

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

123. Apologies of absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Green and Pearce. Cllr Brooks proposed approval of the apologies received; seconded by Cllr Pearce; all in favour.

124. Declarations of Interests and dispensations.

a. To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Registerable and Non-Registerable Interests from councillors on items on the Agenda.

Cllr Pearce declared an interest in agenda item

b. To consider written requests for dispensations and note dispensations granted.

There were none.

125. To consider the draft Minutes of 15 November 2022.

Cllr Brooks proposed approval of the minutes; seconded by Cllr Barker; and unanimously agreed.

118. Public Forum

There were no members of public either in person or via Zoom.

119. Planning applications

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

Table 1 - List of East Suffolk Planning Applications

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/22/4265/FUL	161 Yarmouth Road - Ground Floor Extension	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Brooks and unanimously to recommend approval of the application. However, it was noted that the application form was still not available to view on the planning portal and as such this recommendation is only made on the condition that there is no significant removal of trees and hedges as part of the work.		
DC/22/4432/FUL	9 Glebe Close - Construction of two single storey dwellings and all associated works.	Gunton and St Margaret's
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously to recommend refusal of the application. The Council remain concerned for the damage to the biodiversity (as supported in the recent planning inspectorate report which relates to development at this site) and over development of the site. The application was contrary to both Waveney Local Plan policies WLP8.29 and WLP8.33.		
DC/22/2915/FUL	87 Cranesbill Road - Front extension to form en suite	Kirkley and Pakefield

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Newsome and unanimously to recommend approval of the application.		
DC/22/4327/FUL	The Oxford Arms, Oxford Road - Rear extension, convert part of garage	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Brooks and agreed (two votes in favour (Cllrs Lang and Brooks) one vote against (Cllr Knight) and three abstentions (Cllrs Newsome, Barker and Le Grice) to recommend refusal of the application due to overdevelopment of the site and lack of bin storage.		
DC/22/4412/FUL	4 Clement Square - Enlargement of existing roof dormer to front elevation	Kirkley and Pakefield
It was proposed by Cllr Lang, seconded by Cllr Brooks and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the application.		

b. The following tree works were noted:

Table 2 - List of East Suffolk Planning Applications

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/22/4484/TCA	40 Kirkley Park Road - Front garden 1 x Maple - Reduce back to previous pruning points, this is approximately 2/3 meters of growth. Side & Rear garden 2 x Walnuts (1 on side boundary with No. 38 & 1 far end of rear garden) - Reduce back to previous pruning points, for both trees this is approximately 2/3 meters of growth. All work is routine maintenance pruning back to previous pruning points.	Kirkley and Pakefield
DC/22/4507/TCA	Land At The Sails, High Street - 3 x London Plane trees to be removed due to health and safety in public open space. Trees to be replanted to replace those removed. It was noted that the Town Council were applicants for this application for tree works.	Harbour and Normanston

c. Outcome of referral panel for DC/21/5751/FUL - 365 Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft. Application for demolition of existing dwelling & detached double garage & construction of 1) a Replacement Dwelling & 2) A Church Hall, associated parking & works & a new vehicular access, at 365 Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft. It was noted that the application was referred to East Suffolk Council Referral Panel, as the Town Council's comments were contrary to the officer recommendation of approval. At the referral panel it was agreed by the Chair and Vice Chair of both Development Control Committees that the application did not need to be referred to development control committee, and could remain at officer delegation level with the recommendation of approval.

128. Consultations

a. East Suffolk Council's Control of Dogs Renewal of Public Space Protection Orders – it was agreed that this committee were supportive of the renewal of these orders and that the AID Committee should particularly consider The Dogs in Children's Play areas order and any notices which should be displayed Town Council Parks which are gated (or fitted with grids) and fenced to prevent access to dogs. It was proposed by Cllr Knight, seconded by Cllr Lang and unanimously agreed to ask for a statement to understand why the Town Council's concerns about damage to biodiversity were not taken into account when the application was approved.

129. East Suffolk Council new strategy for the cycling and walking network – this planning policy update was noted and supported.

130. East Suffolk Council new guidance for small housing developments in the countryside – this planning policy update was noted.

131. Date and time of the next meeting - Tuesday 13 December at 17.00

132. Items for the next agenda.

Meeting closed: 19.35

Signed

Date: 13 December 2022