

Lowestoft Town Council

Meeting of the Planning Committee

First Floor, Hamilton House, Battery Green Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 1DE
17.00 on Thursday 13 December 2022

Present: Cllrs Peter Knight (Chair), Sonia Barker, Wendy Brooks, Alan Green, 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

133. Welcome

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

134. Apologies of absence.

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

135. 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.

It was noted that the Town Council were applicants, and landowners, for application DC/22/4527/DEM

Cllr Barker declared an interest in planning applications Carlton and Whitton Ward as Town Councillor for this ward.

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

There were none.

136. To consider the draft Minutes of 29 November 2022.

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

137. Public Forum

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

138. 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 - List of East Suffolk Planning Applications

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/22/4566/FUL	30 St Peters Road - Internal alterations and rear single storey extension	Kirkley and Pakefield

It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Barker and unanimously to recommend approval of the application.

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/22/4549/VOC	Hamilton Docks Hamilton Road - Variation of Condition No.3 of DC/22/3202/FUL - Condition 3 of the planning permission states that "Construction activities will only be undertaken between 1 October and 14 February (inclusive) to avoid the kittiwake nesting season at the Port of Lowestoft. No construction activities will be undertaken outside of this period." Although the Norfolk Projects intend to complete all works prior to the 14 February, there could be unforeseen circumstances which may prevent this such as adverse weather and sea conditions. It is noted that the reason for condition is to protect other kittiwakes within the port from disturbance. However the proposed works are largely sheltered from the ports existing kittiwake nesting sites by an existing 4 m high wall and therefore a small increase in the construction period is very unlikely to affect them. Therefore the applicant is seeking to vary condition 3 to state that activities will only be undertaken between 1 October and 28 February.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Barker and unanimously to recommend approval of the application subject to liaison with the Lowestoft Kittiwake Partnership for expertise advice on any changes in the nesting season for these birds etc.		
DC/22/4527/DEM	The Sails , High Street, - Prior Notification - Demolition of the sails on land adjacent to Triangle Market public conveniences	Harbour and Normanston
It was noted that the Town Council was the applicant for this application and would not make a formal recommendation but considered that these works were a positive improvement to the area.		
DC/22/4533/FUL	Land Adjacent To, Newcombe House, Newcombe Road - Demolition of all existing buildings within site boundary and construction of 16 industrial units split between 5 buildings. The scheme will include all associated landscape works.	Harbour and Normanston
It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Barker and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the application subject to the ecological enhancements and sensitive landscape scheme, to improve local wildlife post development (as detailed in the design and access statement) being delivered.		

b. The following tree works were noted:

Table 2 - List of East Suffolk Planning Applications

Reference	Address and Description	District Ward
DC/22/4669/TPO	1 Hornbeam Close - WDC TPO 341 1 x Hornbeam - Reduce and reshape by 2.5m MAX Reason - Reduce encroachment onto surrounding property and increase light transmission	Carlton and Whitton
DC/22/4770/TCA	13 Yarmouth Road, Rear garden - 2 x Poplars (T1 & T2) - Reduce by up to 50% to reduce the windage on the trees as they are in close proximity to the house behind. This is part of ongoing maintenance and evidence of leaching at the base.	Harbour and Normanston
DC/22/4751/TPO	5 Greenacre Crescent: WDC TPO 380 (T20) Rear garden 1 x Horse Chestnut - Crown reduce & shape by up to 30% and remove deadwood and rubbing / crossing branches. Reason: general remedial pruning works as tree overhangs boundary with another property	Harbour and Normanston

139. Lowestoft Neighbourhood Development Plan

It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Barker and unanimously agreed to make a recommendation to Full Council to approve the Neighbourhood Development Plan and to commence Regulation 14 Consultation.

140. Licensing

Cllr Knight declared an interest as a trustee of the Lowestoft Charity Board who had land in the area to which the application related.

a. Renewal Application for Street Trading Consent - Rundles 5 A Day Church Green, St Margaret's Road, Lowestoft (10:15 to 11:15)

Also all consent streets within the North of our district. Now operating a home delivery service for pre orders however, wish to be covered in case the customer requests an additional item/s when making the delivery. To sell: Fruit and Veg Days: Friday 9am to 1:30pm. Also deliveries for Christmas on Wednesday and Thursday. It was proposed by Cllr Brooks, seconded by Cllr Le Grice and unanimously agreed to support this application.

141. Consultations

a. Pre-consultation – Proposed Radio Base Station Installation at Wvn26304; Grass Verge Carlton Road, Lowestoft

It was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Le Grice and unanimously agreed that there were no objections to the scheme as outlined in the pre-consultation document.

b. Transport Town Plans (Suffolk County Council) – to consider participation in identifying transport priorities and interventions.

It was agreed that the council should engage with this initiative and the Deputy Town Clerk would arrange the necessary meetings in Lowestoft to which all councillors would be invited to attend.

142. Date and time of the next meeting - Tuesday 13 December at 18.45

143. Items for the next agenda.

Cllr Brooks requested that the process for determining application DC/22/1395/FUL (Land South Of Leisure Way - Hybrid Application - (i) Full Planning Application - Erection of a freestanding restaurant with drive-thru facility, car parking, landscaping and associated works, including Customer Order Displays (COD)6 and Play Frame (Class E/Sui Generis). (ii) Outline Planning Application (All Matters Reserved) - Installation of 8 EV Charging Bays with associated infrastructure) was an agenda item for the next meeting.

It was also requested that Suffolk Wildlife Trust are invited to present to the committee at the Trust's convenience.

Meeting closed: 17.34

Signed: 

Date: 3 January 2023