

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 8th August 2018 at 9:15am in the Council Chamber of Beccles Town Hall

PRESENT	N Elliott G Birrell R Stubbings J Harris A Downes E Brambley-Crawshaw
IN ATTENDANCE	Charlie Middleton, Deputy Town Clerk

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Brooks and S Bubb

2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR ANY REQUESTS FOR THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS IN RELATION TO ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Councillors Birrell and Stubbings declared a non-pecuniary interest in application CD/18/2726/COU. Councillor Harris declared a non-pecuniary interest in application DC/182848/LBC.

3. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th JULY 2018.

RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2018.

4. TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION ON THE FORTHCOMING WAVENEY LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

The Chair outlined to all that the purpose of the examination was to check the plan for soundness. BTC have already submitted their response to the consultation voicing concerns about infrastructure, traffic, schools and medical facilities, so the Chair suggested that the sessions relating to Beccles & Worlingham and the one on Infrastructure were the most relevant.

Following a discussion, the Chair requested that the Deputy Town Clerk inform WDC that at least one representative would be attending on behalf of BTC. It was also decided to review the list of suggested questions provided by the examiner at a planning meeting closer to the examination sessions.

RESOLVED For a representative of the Planning Committee to attend the examination on behalf of Beccles Town Council

5. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PREVIOUS PLANNING DECISIONS.

The Chair updated all that the LIDL application was being decided by WDC at their Planning Committee meeting of 15th August 2018. Following a discussion, it was considered that Suffolk Highways had adequately accepted the BTC suggested revisions.

Signed:.......... 12th September 2018

Planning Chairman

6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS AND DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED.

None received.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS LISTED

APPLICATION REF	SITE ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
DC/18/2726/COU	Keely Prints Fen Lane	Change of Use from former Print Company to Health Club (B1 to D2)
<p>The committee noted that this application had been permitted on 6th August 2018. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that all applications current on the planning portal system at the time of printing the agenda packs were included for consideration and that this application could not have been present when the agenda pack for the 18th July 2018 planning committee meeting was prepared. Whilst mindful of the pressures facing the WDC planning team, the planning committee considered that insufficient time had been allowed for consultation given that a statutory period of eight weeks before the local planning authority has to make a decision.</p> <p>In light of this and with regard to information sometimes missing from the planning portal, the committee resolved to write to the Head of Planning & Coastal Management and the WDC Portfolio Holder for Planning acknowledging the pressure that WDC planners are under, but requesting that the full application and supporting documents are available from the date of validation, and that greater time within the statutory consultation period is allocated so that consultees are able to respond, given that respective planning committees may only meet once a month.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To write to the Head of Planning & Coastal Management and the WDC Portfolio Holder for Planning outlining concerns about the consultation process.</p>		
DC/18/2826/FUL	56 Grove Road	Construction of a single storey rear extension
Approved		
DC/18/2933/TCA	11A Grange Road	1 x Wellingtonia - Crown lift lower branches near property as per plan & photo.
Approved		
DC/18/2963/FUL	31 Kilbrack	Replace existing front bed window and front lounge bay with new white UPVC vertical sliding sash windows
Approved		
DC/18/2988/TPO	4 Homefield Paddock	TPO 22 - A2 Rear garden Holly hedge - reduce height of hedge so level with neighbours. Face up - (prune back width) up to 1m Reason - general maintenance.
<p>Deferred</p> <p>The committee considered that it was not able to make a valid decision on this application from the limited information and the lack of a photo of the hedge concerned.</p>		
DC/18/2866/VOC	Kings Head Hotel	Variation of Condition No 2 of DC/18/0718/FUL - Existing grocery store at No. 2 New Market to be incorporated within the existing JD Wetherspoons pub. Also a new extension to infill a portion of the existing beer garden to increase the customer area and provide internal access to the rear of the store at No. 2 - Alteration to previously approved layout
Approved		
DC/18/2848/LBC	Flat 2	Listed Building Consent - Renovation of windows, removal of internal studwork wall, removal and replacement of

	21 Blyburgate		suspended ceiling to hall, bathroom and kitchen, living room floor to be raised and new skirting board fixed
Approved			
DC/18/3091/TCA	Hornbeam South Road	Cottage	T1 Hornbeam in corner of property at junction of Upper Grange Rd and South Rd. - tree in decline, reduce to 4m. pollard to rejuvenate crown.
Approved			

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE AT 9:15 ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2018.

Signed:.......... 12th September 2018

Planning Chairman

