

# DISS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Sub-Committee** held in the **Council Chamber** at **Diss Corn Hall** on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024** at 6.45pm.

Present: Councillors: A. Goulder, A. Kitchen, S. Olander (Ex-officio) R. Peaty (Vice-Chair), E. Taylor (Chair), J. Welch

In attendance: Sarah Villafuerte-Richards, Chief Executive Officer  
1 member of the public

## **PL0424/01** **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Taylor spoke of his resignation from the Planning Chair role after 7 years. He has had frustrations with the lack of communication from the District Council with Town & Parish Councils and the non-compliance with agreed policies. He feels that it is an appropriate time to step down given the changes at District level. This includes the change of leadership with Lord John Fuller stepping down making way for his Deputy, Daniel Elmer, to be considered for Leader and replacement of Helen Mellors with Ben Burgess as the Assistant Director of Planning. Ben has intimated that he wishes to have a closer relationship with local Councils.

Cllr Taylor wishes to remain on the Planning committee and the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan Management Group.

Cllr Peaty put himself forward as Chair of Planning and Cllr Taylor would be willing to support the Chair in a Vice-Chair capacity also. It was

RESOLVED: To elect councillor Peaty as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Mayoral Year 2024-25.

**(Action: Clerk; immediately)**

*The Clerk thanked Councillor Taylor on behalf of the Council for his contribution towards the Planning Committee and the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan.*

## **PL0424/02** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from councillor Gingell.

## **PL0424/03** **NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES**

There were none.

## **PL0424/04** **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

Minute No.	Councillors Name	Personal/Other Interest	Pecuniary Interest	Reason
FC0424/08	S. Olander	X		This councillor is a near neighbour in his employment capacity to the proposed development.

## **PL0424/05** **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

**(Action: Town Clerk/CEO: immediately)**

## **PL0424/06** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was 1 member of the public present.

## **PL0424/07** **ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were none.

**NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS**

Members received and commented on planning applications.

Application 2024/1085 relates to a residential development of up to 4 dwellings. The sketches don't show accesses nor are they a clear reflection of the differences between the housing options. It was noted that it would be unlikely that the location with the overshadowing (no private areas / garaging) would appeal to those wishing to purchase a detached or even semi-detached property but more likely the maisonette option. It was felt that the Planning Authority would be likely to see it as a good use of space. There was discussion regarding why the site was not considered before the DDNP was adopted so it could have been included in the housing allocation. There were concerns about the parking outside the Job Centre causing visibility issues for the proposed development.

<b>App. No</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Response</b>
2024/1085	The Oaks Jarrett's Yard Church Street Diss Norfolk IP22 4DD	Residential development of up to 4 dwellings	<b>Recommend REFUSAL</b> Members rejected this application due to concerns around access (the proposed homes would be off Chapel St adjacent to the library where the road is narrow with vehicles through a business car park), overdevelopment of the site, overlooking / loss of privacy from the Telephone Exchange, its location in the conservation area and parking concerns (whilst meeting parking regulations, it was felt that numbers are insufficient to meet visitor and private demands and could cause nuisance with the existing parking on the job centre car park).

**SOUTH NORFOLK PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted planning decisions made by the Planning Authority since the last meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted that Planning committee meetings will precede scheduled committee dates should applications require committee consideration.

Meeting closed at: 19:15.

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Councillor Peaty  
Committee Chairman