

DISS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Sub-Committee** held in the Council Chamber at Diss Corn Hall on **Wednesday 27th October 2021** at **6.45pm**.

Present: Councillors: M. Gingell
K. Murphy
E. Taylor (Chair) (ex-officio)
S. Olander (ex-officio)
S. Warren
J. Welch

In attendance: Sarah Richards – Town Clerk
1 member of the public

PL1021/01 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Poulter.

PL1021/02 **NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES**
Councillor Welch substituted for councillor Poulter.

PL1021/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**
There were none.

PL1021/04 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 1st September 2021 were a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

PL1021/05 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
There was one member of the public present, the applicant, to speak on agenda item 7 application ref 2021/2169.

It was noted that following the sale of the building by South Norfolk Conservative Club 5 years ago, the property had planning permission to convert into one house for residential use. The applicant wishes to convert the existing building into five high quality flats with the same footprint. It is currently an unsightly building and the plans will improve the street scene and view from the Mere. It is intended to have a large open communal gardens space, which will be well maintained. It was noted that the one bed cannot become a two-bed due to the requirement for a fire escape. Members considered whether the parking provision was adequate to mitigate against on-street parking. It was noted that the Diss & District Angling Club's gentleman's agreement to fish the Mere from the rear will not be possible post development and that the views to the Mere will not be restricted by trees.

PL1021/06 **ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**
There were no items of urgent business.

PL1021/07 **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS**
Members received and commented on planning applications and other development control matters.

App. No	Type	Applicant	Address	Proposal	Response
2021/2169	Full	Chris Burnard	Grasmere, Denmark Street, Diss, IP22 4LE	Conversion of existing building to 5 apartments.	RECOMMEND APPROVAL Diss Town Council is in favour of developing this site for apartments (within the existing footprint) but have reservations that available parking is adequate for the number of homes and could lead to on street parking particularly in the evenings. We agree with the South Norfolk District Council recommendation that the important arcade feature is retained as this is of major local

					and historical interest. If you are minded to approve this application, we would ask that Officers ensure that the content explicitly refers the need to keep the mature trees in the garden unharmed in accordance with their location in the Diss Conservation Area. The garden should be enhanced where possible to retain the outstanding views across the Mere from the 'Mere's Mouth' as specified in the Diss and District Neighbourhood Plan.
2019/1555	Outline	Land Allocations Ltd	Land of North of Walcot Rise, Diss	Outline application including access, with all other matters reserved for up to 80 (Maximum) residential dwellings.	RECOMMEND REFUSAL See attached letter sent to the Planning Authority 28.10.21.

PL1021/08 **SOUTH NORFOLK PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the planning decisions made by South Norfolk District Council since the last meeting.

PL1021/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Councillor E. Taylor
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN