

DISS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Sub-Committee** held in the **Main Hall** at **Diss Youth & Community Centre** on **Wednesday 12th January 2022** at **7.15pm.**

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

In attendance: Sarah Richards, Town Clerk
3 members of the public

PL0122/01 **APOLOGIES**

There were none.

PL0122/02 **NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES**

There were none.

PL0122/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

There were none.

PL0122/04 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 24th November 2021 were a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

PL0122/05 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were three members of the public in attendance. It was noted that a virtual meeting of the planning committee has been scheduled for next Wednesday 19th January to provide the opportunity for members of the public to comment on planning application reference 2021/2782 regarding a proposed development of up to 179 dwellings on land east of Shelfanger Road and West of Heywood Road.

One member of the public raised his desire to see a pedestrian friendly Eco build on the above site similar to that of the award-winning Goldsmith St Passivhaus development in Norwich with perhaps an hourly shuttle bus service to take in the rail station, outlying estates, supermarkets and town centre. It was noted that minimum ecological standards are contained within the Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan design guides and that the Council is trying to work proactively with developers to get the best from the application.

The third member of the public was observing only.

PL0122/06 **ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

PL0122/07 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

a) Members considered a Vice-Chair for the Planning committee. It was agreed that members would consider if they wished to put themselves forward or nominate other members for consideration at the next meeting.

(Action: Clerk; immediately)

b) The committee invited additional Council members to attend the virtual planning committee meeting on Wednesday 19th January 2022 to consider planning application reference 2021/2782 regarding the proposed development on land east of Shelfanger Road and West of Heywood Road adjacent to the Cemetery. It was noted that the meeting will be promoted via the press and Park Radio as well as on the Council's website and social media streams.

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NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS

Councillors received and commented on planning applications and other development control matters.

There was discussion regarding the significant works to trees in recent months particularly around the Mere and the length of time for re-growth. It was understood that trees need to be maintained for health / safety reasons but that some recent works have been detrimental to the appearance of the trees. It was agreed that a meeting with the Tree Officer at the Planning Authority would be arranged so that the continued concerns of the Town Council can be presented.

App. No	Type	Applicant	Address	Proposal	Response
2021/2529	Works to trees in conservation area		Land to Rear of 22A St Nicholas Street, Diss	Sycamore - crown lift to 6m. Alder - multiple stems - approx 8m to 12m in height - reduce all stems to approx 6m. Willow - coppice. Mixed hedge/fruit trees/cypress - remove approx 2m back to boundary fence, remaining branches vary from between 500 to 1500mm.	RECOMMEND REFUSAL Send recommendation for refusal and detailed response in planning pack to Planning Authority including request for meeting with Tree Officer.
2021/2709	Full	Mr & Mrs Harvey	30 & 30A Victoria Road Diss Norfolk IP22 4HW	Change of use from Class C3 (First floor Flat (no. 30a)) to Class E (Hairdressers), ground floor (no. 30) to remain as existing (Class E, Hairdressers). Single storey front extension following demolition of existing porch.	RECOMMEND APPROVAL This application appears to be acceptable and is suitable for decision by Officers under delegated powers.

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SOUTH NORFOLK PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the planning decisions made by South Norfolk District Council since the last meeting, which are mostly in line with the Town Council's comments.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Councillor E. Taylor
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN