

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held in the Committee Room at the Town Hall, Southwold, at 6.00pm on Tuesday 1st September 2015

PRESENT: Councillor I R Bradbury
 " D J Palmer
 " M Tucker
 " J A Windell

Also present: One member of the public, the Town Clerk and the High Steward.

BUSINESS

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Jeans and Cllr Temple.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
 - a) *To receive any personal declarations of interest regarding the agenda.*
As the applicant, councillors have a personal interest in items DC/15/1917/FUL and DC/15/3272/COU.
 - b) *To receive any pecuniary declarations of interest regarding the agenda.*
Nil.
 - c) *To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda.*
Not applicable.
 - d) *To note any lobbying – No lobbying to note.*
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th August 2015 were confirmed and signed.
4. **Standing Orders:**
It was RESOLVED by all to suspend the meeting to allow public participation.

The Secretary of the Allotment Association spoke in connection with DC/15/3272/COU and advised that it was the intention of the Allotment Association to enable this parking to be available for both general public and allotment holders, rather than solely allotment holders as stated in the application. The Allotment Association will wish to retain the parking area opposite the main allotment area site entrance as a turning space for tractors etc. who are delivering manure, and this will be confirmed to the Common Trustees.

Councillors were advised that the area will not be made hardstanding and only 3 trees are likely to be removed to enable parking to be made available.

The meeting reopened.

5. **Planning:** (a) *To determine the Town Council response to the following applications:*
 - (i) *DC/15/3148/FUL & DC/15/3149/LBC – Listed Building Consent- Internal alterations, alteration to existing single storey rear extension and replacement windows to property, 17 Church Street, for Mr A Hurden.*
It was RESOLVED by all to approve the application.

- (ii) *DC/15/3153/FUL – Construction of single storey porch, The Rope House, Station Road, for Mr B Haward.*
The Committee RESOLVED to refuse the application with the comments that the application does not enhance the building or the surrounds and that there were concerns regards design. There were also concerns about the loss of the historic right of way which will occur should the application be approved. The application was refused on a majority with 1 abstention.
- (iii) *DC/15/1917/FUL – Installation of 1 window to side wall of ground floor shop unit, 7 Station Road, for Southwold Town Council.*
 This application was not discussed.
- (vi) *DC/15/3272/COU – Use of land for the provision of an unsurfaced car parking area, adjoining allotment land, Blyth Road, for Southwold Town Council.*
 This application was not discussed.
- (v) *DC/15/2821/VOC – Variation of conditions Nos 2 and 4 of DC/14/4245/FUL – (Construction of roof extension with dormer windows to front and rear and single storey front and side extensions) – to provide additional dormer window to rear, 14 Marlborough Road, for Mr D Butler.*
It was RESOLVED unanimously to refuse the application on the same grounds as WDC and STC refused previously; –
“Refusal due to loss of amenity i.e. loss of light/ privacy to neighbours, the effect on the street scene, overdevelopment, and DM2 Design. There have been 6 public objections to date.” STC September 2014.
“Refusal – The proposed extensions would significantly increase the scale of the property which would have an overbearing appearance within the street scene and would provide a cramped form of development, which would be out of character with surrounding development in the immediate vicinity. Therefore the proposal would be contrary to policy CS02 “High Quality and Sustainable Design” – Core Strategy (Adopted January 2009) and DM02 “Design Principles” - Development Management Policies (Adopted January 2011) and paragraph 59 of the NPPF.” WDC September 2014.
- (vi) *DC/15/3346/TCA – 1 x Fig – remove due to excessive shading and replace with smaller shrubs, Dragon Cottage, 12 Queens Road, for Mr J Holloway.*
 Noted.
- (vii) *DC/15/3185/FUL – Erection of detached timber garden room, 6 Wymering Road, for Mr D Gee.*
It was RESOLVED by all to approve the application.
- (viii) *DC/15/3289/VOC – Variation of Condition no. 2 DC/14/1628/FUL – Construction of 1 x two storey house and studio to replace existing – Revision to front balcony with the inclusion of an external spiral staircase, 51 Ferry Road, for Mrs E Whalley.*
It was RESOLVED by all to approve the application.
- (ix) *DC/15/3470/TCA – Southwold House. Remove 1 x Ivy covered self set Sycamore near steps and fell approx. 7 x Elms & Sycamore along wall of neighbouring property, Southwold House, Gun Hill, for Mr G Denny.*
 Noted.

(b) <i>To receive decisions from WDC on previous planning applications:</i>	
DC/15/2017/COU – Farleigh House, 39 High Street.	Withdrawn
DC/15/2337/FUL – Waverley, 3 Godyll Road.	Approved
DC/15/2488/COU – Southwold Business Centre, St Edmunds Road.	Approved
DC/15/3108/TCA – White Point, 1 – 3 Eversley Road.	Approved
DC/15/2189/FUL – 28 South Green.	Approved

Noted.

The Committee also noted that an appeal had been lodged by Mr Marcus Knight and Nathan Williamson with regards 1 and 3 Stradbroke Road planning reference DC/15/0434/FUL. WDC have advised that any further comments must be received by 21st September 2015 by the Planning Inspectorate. The Committee confirmed that there were no further comments to make.

(c) *Buildings of Local Historic Interest – update on research.*

There were no updates on present research. However it was suggested that the Mill House on The Paddock could be added to the present research if this property was not already locally listed.

Subsequent to the meeting the Town Clerk confirmed that this property is already Locally Listed.

6. Urgent Business: to act upon any matter of a planning urgency, within the meaning of the Standing Orders, which may be brought to the attention of the Committee with the consent of the Chairman previously obtained.

For information, Cllr Bradbury advised the meeting that a survey is being undertaken on Skilman’s Hill/Gun Hill over the next few months to look for early settlements.

Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:

Tuesday 15th September 2015 at the Town Hall at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.55pm.

Chair

Date