

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held in the Committee Room at the Town Hall, Southwold, at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th July 2015

PRESENT: Councillor I R Bradbury
“ Mrs J Jeans
“ D J Palmer
“ R Temple
“ M Tucker
“ J A Windell

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

BUSINESS

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
 - a) *To receive any personal declarations of interest regarding the agenda.*
Cllr Palmer declared a personal interest in planning application DC/15/2415/FUL.
 - 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 14th July 2015 were confirmed and signed.

4. **Standing Orders:**

It was RESOLVED by all to suspend the meeting to allow public participation.

There were no comments from members of the public.

The meeting reopened.

5. **Planning:** (a) *To determine the Town Council response to the following applications:*

- (i) DC/15/2488/COU – *Change of Use from warehouse to Pilates Studio, Southwold Business Centre, St Edmunds Road, for Ms Karen Kennedy.*

It was RESOLVED by all to approve the application and note that the Town Council endorses the consultee comments from the Environmental Health Officer.

- (ii) DC/15/2415/FUL & DC/15/2416/LBC – *Conversion of outbuilding into 1 new holiday apartment at Cliff House, 2 East Cliff, Southwold by Mr A Collins.*

It was RESOLVED by all to approve the application with the condition that the adjoining garage be dedicated to the use of the holiday apartment.

- (iii) DC/15/2189/FUL – *Roof extensions to form loft conversion, replacement windows and doors to front elevation and the introduction of French doors with Juliet style balconies to front and oriel window to side elevation at 28 South Green, Southwold by*

Mrs L McCraig.

Considerable discussion took place regarding this application. It was generally thought that the design was not of the quality that would be expected or desired for this property and that the additions on the plans were over fussy, with too many balconies, that it was out of character, and that it did not improve or enhance either the building or the area.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to refuse this application with the comment that “there is a great opportunity here to enhance the property by the sensitive restoration of the original building, it being not dissimilar to Bonsey House next door, but this application is not considered to either preserve or enhance (DM02).

(iv) *DC/15/1260/RG3 – new pontoon adjacent to landing stage W25 – application withdrawn.*

(v) *DC/15/2570/FUL – Conversion of front pitch roof to provide additional second floor bedroom. Replacement of slate roof to front and installation of two conservation roof lights. Replacement of existing fencing and portions of hedging. Replacement front door. Reconfiguration of car parking area, removal of area of block paving to reuse in a revised configuration screened behind the front hedge at 32 Stradbroke Road by Mrs S Brough.*

It was unanimously agreed to approve this application.

(vi) *DC/15/2649/LBC – Listed Building consent – mitigation measures against further damp at the Town, 4 Market Place, by Town Clerk.*

As the Town Council are the applicants, no comments were made on this application.

(b) To receive decisions from WDC on previous planning applications:

DC/15/2127/LBC – 18 Queen Street	Approved
DC/15/ 1946/FUL – 3 Blackshore Cottages	Approved

(c) Any other Planning Matters including:

Buildings of Local Historic Interest – update on research.

Cllr Jeans advised that she had visited the Suffolk Records Library at Lowestoft and will be undertaking further research from here in due course.

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.

Nil.

Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:

Monday 17th August 2015 at the Town Hall at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Chair

Date