

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 6pm via Zoom.

PRESENT:	Councillor
	“ I Bradbury
	“ S Flunder
	“ P Goldsmith
	“ J Jeans – Chairman
	“ M Ladd
	“ W Windell

Also, present: The Town Clerk, and 6 members of the public.

BUSINESS

1. **Apologies:** There were no apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
 - a) *To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.*
Nil.
 - b) *To receive any declarations of Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda.*
Nil
 - c) *To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda.*
Not applicable.
 - d) *To receive details of any lobbying to members.*
Not applicable.
3. **To receive and approve Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 16th March 2021.**
On the proposal of Cllr Windell seconded by Cllr Goldsmith **it was RESOLVED** by all to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th March 2021.
4. **To receive comments from Southwold electors on planning matters on the agenda** (*each elector will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes – to a total maximum of 10 minutes*).

There were no questions from electors.

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

(i) DC/21/1204/FUL – Single and two storey extensions to rear, roof conversion including new rear dormer, new side window and door to West elevation, internal alterations, 24 Fieldstile Road.

Members were advised that the new application includes a dormer in the roof and an extension which goes above the roof line.

Discussion

The extension at the rear is not obscured from view and will have a visual impact. Concerns were expressed about the design of the front and the intended materials which are not in character or in sympathy with the original build. The new changes being requested are not an improvement on the approved scheme.

It was also noted that the new extension was both taller and wider and could not therefore be considered subservient. The planning cttee also reviewed the Planning Officer's original consent to understand the reasoning and noted that the original design was consented to because it sat beneath the eaves of the roof whereas this design is higher than the eaves. **It was agreed to recommend that ESC REFUSE the application.**

(ii) DC/21/0690/FUL – Replace the 3 windows and door at the front of the house. The replacements would follow the design of the existing windows and doors, 28 High Street. No objection.

(b) ESC decisions – Rowan Cottage, 2 Trinity Close - Permitted
Applications to ESC Committee

(c) Any new Planning Inspectorate Appeals Lodged? Nil.

(d) Other planning matters:
ESC Planning Protocol.

Planning application for Lloyds Bank - Cllr Flunder advised that the only delivery point is Mill Lane which is a major pedestrian walkway and that there are concerns about what will happen in the entrance way. It was mentioned that Mill Lane is very narrow and delivery vehicles arrival could be a concern around the junction.

Cllr Windell advised that one of the concerns about the original application was about traffic.

Cllr Ladd advised that there is an application in for double yellow lines on Mill Lane at SCC and suggested that Highways be advised of these concerns as they will be a statutory consultee. Cllr Jeans suggested that SCC make a site visit to see the potential effect of the application.

Questionnaire from Theberton Parish Council about planning arrangements at ESC.

The questions were discussed, and it was commented that Call-in was a good tool to have for District Councillors and that it is a shame that this system has been amended.

It was agreed that all responses to the questions should be 'No'.

Cllr Jeans advised that it was a shame that there are no questions about design.

Any other business:

- Garden at 78 High Street. Planning application was received in February showing new proposal.

Cllr Bradbury advised that as the application was a TCA the Town Council has no power. Cllr Windell suggested that the cttee consider these in more detail and to request a TPO if this is felt to be required.

- 4 Blyth Road – Cllr Jeans advised that further to discussions at previous meeting re 4 Blyth Road, it had been understood that the ESC Planning Committee could refuse an application on the basis of potential applications i.e., Fire Station Site – but this was not correct. Therefore, no further action can be taken.

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.

7. **Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:** 20th April 2021 at 6pm.