

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held. at the Town Hall, Southwold on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 6pm.

PRESENT: Councillor
 “ S Flunder
 “ V Gladwell
 “ P Goldsmith
 “ M Wells (Chair)

Also present Town Clerk

1. **Apologies:** *To receive and approve apologies for absence.*
There were apologies for absence from Cllr Temple – Noted.

2. **Declarations of interest:**
 - a. To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda.
Nil.
 - b. To receive any declarations of other Registerable Interests regarding the agenda.
Cllr Flunder – on Hut W19 Blackshore, as on Harbour Management Committee who are replying as well.
 - c. To receive any declarations of Non Registerable Interest. Nil.
 - d. To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda. It was agreed by all that Cllr Flunder could remain in the meeting to be asked questions re Hut W19 Blackshore.
 - e. To receive details of any lobbying to members.
Cllr Flunder – on Hut W19 Blackshore as on Harbour Management Committee who are replying as well.

3. **To receive and approve the Minutes of Tuesday 23rd January 2024.** The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 23rd January 2024 were agreed by all.

4. **To receive comments from the public on matters on the agenda** *(each will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes – to a total maximum of 10 minutes).*
Nil.

5. **Planning Matters:**
 - a. **To determine the Town Council response to the following applications:**
See attached for details of applications
 - i) *DC/23/0169/TCA – T1 – False Cypress fell to ground to facilitate light and alleviate root problems with drains, 30 Stradbroke Road. ESC consultation deadline 9th February 2024.*
No objection so long as the applicant will plant another cypress within their boundary.

 - ii) *DC/24/0238/FUL – Retrospective Application – Retention of 2 pedestrian timber gates set within existing openings of brick boundary walls of dwelling house, The Mount, 14 North Parade. ESC consultation deadline 13th February 2024.*
Agreed by all that this was an improvement. No Objection.

iii) DC/24/0173/FUL – Revised design of first floor extension over existing roof terrace, Homeleigh The Common. ESC consultation deadline 14th February 2024. It was agreed by all that this was much more in keeping and felt more suitable for the location. No objection.

iv) DC/24/0163/LBC – Listed Building Consent – Removal of existing wall to create one additional parking space; erection of new flint cobble wall and rear access, 23 Park Lane. ESC consultation deadline 14th February 2024.

Refuse as per the comments submitted on the FUL application. An additional comment to be added that there is additional free car parking available within a short distance which alleviates the need for this wall to come down for excess parking on the site and to note that this would necessitate a dropped kerb to be put in which in effect would reduce the on road parking outside the property for all users.

v) DC/24/0164/CLE – Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) – Selling locally sourced food, drinks and other complimentary goods, Fisherman’s Hut W19, Blackshore. ESC consultation deadline 15th February 2024.

It is understood that this is a new set up business for non-wet fish (wet fish = previous use). There was not much information about the retail offer, how local the produce was for the offer at the harbour, times/ days of opening throughout the year, parking provision at the site, health and safety issues on site. It was felt that this is a totally different offer to the previous use.

It was agreed by all that the Town Council reject this application on the basis that there is not sufficient information to make knowledgeable comment re material planning facts. Please supply more information to the town council on the comments noted above.

vi) DC/24/4128/LBC – Listed Building Consent – Alterations to the boundary treatment to the south east, minor internal alterations to the third floor and a preventative drainage scheme, The Old Water Tower, the Common. ESC consultation deadline 20th February 2024.

No comment from the Town Council.

vii) DC/24/0290/TCA – One sycamore pollard to remove, the pollard is approximately two meters in height with approximately two years of growth, the tree is on the fence line and in close proximity to both properties. One silver birch to crown reduce by approximately 1 metre, 64 Pier Avenue. ESC consultation deadline 21st February 2024.

It was agreed that there was no objection but applicant to be requested to replace the one to be removed.

- b. ESC decisions and applications to ESC Committee. See attached. No matters for attending.
- c. Any new Planning Inspectorate Appeals Lodged. – nil
- d. Any licence applications/decisions to consider – Nil.
- e. Review of street trading policy – consultation to 17th March 2024. Planning cttee members to review the presently excluded streets to see whether these are still appropriate. Pier Avenue/ Queen Street to be added if not already included.

f. Planning committee member new call-in information – as circulated.

6. **Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:**

In view of the number of apologies for 20th Feb, it was agreed that the cttee would meet again on Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 6pm.

Signed

Dated