

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held in the Council Chamber. at the Town Hall, Southwold on Tuesday 24th May 2022 at 6 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor
“ S Flunder
“ J Sutton
“ R Temple
“ W Windell (Chairman)

Also present – Town Clerk and 3 members of the public via Zoom.

BUSINESS

1. **To elect a chairperson for the committee for 2022/23.** Cllr Temple nominated Cllr Jeans as Chairperson for 2022/23, seconded by Cllr Sutton. All agreed.
2. **Apologies:** To receive and approve apologies for absence. Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Goldsmith and Cllr Jeans.
3. **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.* Nil.
 - d) *To receive details of any lobbying to members.* Nil.
4. **To receive and approve Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022.**
On the proposal of Cllr Flunder, seconded by Cllr Temple it was RESOLVED by all to approve the Minutes of Tuesday 3rd May 2022. All agreed.
5. **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).*
There were no members of the public present.
5. **Planning Matters:**
 - (a) **To determine the Town Council response to the following applications:**
 - (i) *DC/22/0362/FUL & DC/22/0363/LBC – Listed Building Consent – Replacement windows and doors, 11 Church Street.*
Application all in keeping. Agreed by all. No objections.
 - (ii) *DC/22/1715/FUL – Replacement of existing timber windows and doors to front elevation only, with new hardwood windows with like for like design but with slim line double glazed units, 9 Dunwich Road.*
There were no objections to this application.
 - (iii) *DC/22/1626/FUL – Replace the two front (downstairs) square bay windows, 12 Stradbroke Road.*

Like for like. The decoration at the bottom is not original but has been there 30 years. There were no objections to this application.

- (iv) *DC/22/0017/FUL – Demolition of the current derelict 2 storey dwelling on site and replace with a 2-storey new dwelling plus 2 x car parking spaces to the front of the property. From the first-floor level there are terraces to front and rear and an external staircase to the rear down to a decked area and a garden. The new property comprises of 3 x double bedrooms, family bathroom and en-suite facilities on the lower floor and open plan living, kitchen and dining on the upper floor. The building is proposed to be clad in white weatherboarding with a grey slate roof and dark framed glazing units, 33 Ferry Road.*

Previous application was declined with concerns on overlooking, parking and design being too large. Cllr Temple asked whether the parking is still an issue. Discussion about the plans. Letter from the agent regarding the alterations made in view of the comments received. Seems a good solution.

On the proposal of Cllr Temple, seconded by Cllr Sutton it was agreed to approve this application. All agreed.

- (v) *DC/22/1812/FUL – Single storey extension at ground floor level to the side of the back addition with a glazed roof, together with the conversion of the attic space to provide a study/bedroom and shower room including a proposed rear dormer window and new access staircase from the first-floor level, 76 Stradbroke Road.* There were no objections to this application.

- (vi) *DC/22/1841/FUL – Retrospective application – Retention of replacement extract/ventilation system to kitchen, retention of alterations to grass bund, 53 Ferry Road.*

Alterations to grass bund and use of. The restaurant has an outside seating area and members felt that seating should remain in this part of the site only. The bund is a flood defence and part of the marsh and needs to remain as such. Bund is land owned by the Town Council and although informal permission was granted during Covid to use it for outside seating (when the restaurant could not open) members were not sure why it is part of any planning application and is irrelevant to ESC planning. This should be a discussion between the applicant and the Town Council as landlord to the land – not a planning matter.

Reference the ventilation system – it was considered that this should be approved as it is a benefit to the neighbours and the local environs.

- (vii) *DC/22/1838/FUL – Retain external kitchen unit, Temporary Container Kitchen at 53 Ferry Road.*

Explicit by ESC and the Town Council that the original application for the container would be for 18 months only as a trial for an incubation business. This incubator business is not ongoing, and members felt that as this the application has expired this should be rejected in line with objections from residents. The Town Council would not support the request for the container to be part of the Sail Loft business, as the building is not in keeping with the area, which overlooks the marshes and is part of the AONB, and is not a premises for a permanent basis (it was only agreed on the basis of it being temporary). The number of objections from residents is overwhelming. Removal of this unit would provide room for the

additional seating instead of the use of the bund mentioned within request DC/22/1841/FUL.

(viii) *DC/22/1607/FUL – Replacement Landing Stage and all associated work, Landing Stage E01 Blackshore.*

Members asked why this needs to be so big? Cllr Flunder advised that this had not come up at Harbour Users meeting. Cllr Windell suggested that this be delayed and referred to Planning Committee meeting on 7th June 2022. It was acknowledged that it is a working harbour but the size being requested is large.

(b) *ESC decisions and applications to ESC Committee.* Noted – as circulated.

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

(d) *Other planning matters:* Nil.

6. **Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 6pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45pm.