

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held in the Council Chamber. at the Town Hall, Southwold on Tuesday 17th August 2021 at 6pm.

PRESENT:	Councillor	J Jeans – Chairman
	“	S Flunder
	“	J Sutton
	“	R Temple
	“	W Windell

Also, present: The Town Clerk, the architect for the planning application for the Golf Club, and 1 member of the public.

1 member of the public also joined by Zoom.

BUSINESS

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Goldsmith and the High Steward.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
 - a) *To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.*
All Councillors declared an interest in Golf Club planning application as Trustees of Common Trust
All Councillors declared an interest in Strickland Place planning application Freeholder owners of the properties at nos 3 and 4 Strickland Place.
 - b) *To receive any declarations of Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda.*
Cllr Sutton declared a Pecuniary Interest in the planning application for the Golf Club.
 - c) *To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda.* Nil
 - d) *To receive details of any lobbying to members.* Nil
3. **To receive and approve Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021.**
On the proposal of Cllr Windell seconded by Cllr Flunder it was RESOLVED by all to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021.
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).*

The Architect spoke about the planning application for the Golf Club – setting out the reasons that the alteration is required and the design aspects of the alterations that enable the facility to be enhanced.

5. **Planning Matters:**
 - (a) **To determine the Town Council response to the following applications:**
See attached for details of applications.
 - i) *DC/21/3235/FUL – Replacing soft wood sash window with hard wood double glazed window to look the same x 3. Replacing soft wood front door and frame with hard wood front door and frame with Top lite to look the same. Replacing sandstone window sill x 3 and door sill with Sand stone to look the same (upper left window sill is currently disintegrating), 6 High Street.*

It was noted that a Design and Access Statement has not been supplied with this application. There does not appear to be detailed drawings of the windows. It was agreed that the LPA should be advised that these are missing.

There were no adverse comments in relation to the application itself.

ii) DC/21/3641/VOC – Variation of Condition No 2 of DC/20/1309/FUL – Erection Of single storey rear extension together with relocation and replacement of plant. To allow installation of 1 no. additional air condition condenser, 2 Market Place. ESC consultation deadline – 26th August 2021.

There were no adverse comments in relation to the application

iii) DC/21/3669/FUL – Extension to provide a new ‘Pro Shop’ with an associated ‘swing training room’ for tuition and members’ practice purposes, Southwold Golf Club, The Common. ESC consultation deadline 26th August 2021.

Discussion about the design features of the application.

Reference was made to the Neighbourhood Plan – paras 5.18 and 5.19 which refer to Design, together with the N PLAN Policy on Design – SWD6.

It was noted that the Common Trust had sent through some comments to the architect that they had asked to be included within the final design.

The Architect explained that there is only a small window at the front of the building as the pro will need all of the wall space available to showcase equipment etc. Discussion about the location of the window.

Cllr Flunder advised that there are practical reasons for the changes being requested and that the application is attempting to clear up some of the present untidiness of the kitchen area and will form a better facility and a better building.

Question was raised as to whether the Pit Stop had any comments?

After full discussion it was agreed that there were no objections to this application.

iv) DC/21/2489/FUL – Single storey and first floor rear extensions together with new enlarged second floor dormer on the side of property, Wellesley House, 3 Strickland Place – ESC consultation deadline 26th August 2021.

Discussion about the application. As freeholder, the Council needs to give consent to any proposed alterations to the property. Members had met the architect and some changes have been made to the original plans that had been requested.

It was considered that the extension still seems to come close to the boundary with 4 Strickland Place – and has the potential to cause a loss of light for No 4.

Consideration was given to the symmetry of the rear extension.

Consideration was also given to the cobbles/paving at the rear as it was not clear whether these would provide a permeable surfacing.

It was agreed by all to contact architect to discuss the 2 matters of concern as detailed above. It was agreed by all that so long as the extension could be brought in from the boundary of no 4 further, and so long as the surfacing was permeable, the cttee had no other comments on this application.

Matters not consulted on:

DC/21/3759/TCA – Front Garden Eucalyptus Fell to ground and Cherry and Beech reduce and prune at Burchley House, North Green

Discussion about why the Council is no longer a consultee – cttee would prefer to be able to ask for the Eucalyptus tree to be replaced. Contact to be made with ESC to clarify.

(b) *Applications considered by ESC – see list attached.*

Applications to ESC Committee – Nil

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

(d) *Other planning matters:*

Members were advised to look out for a planning application that is likely to be submitted for The Savoy which is on the Walberswick side of the Harbour but within the Southwold Conservation Area Boundary. This is owned by Walberswick Common Lands and the lease has just become available. It is considered that there will be a desire to alter the property.

Pre app request received by owner of 2 Dunwich Road – meeting to be arranged.

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.

7. **Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:** to be confirmed.