

SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Notes from the Planning and Development Committee meeting held.
at the Town Hall, Southwold on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 6pm.

PRESENT: Councillor
“ S Flunder
“ V Gladwell
“ P Goldsmith
“ C Kerr
“ R Temple

Also present: the Town Clerk

BUSINESS

1. **Election of Chairman for 2023/2024**

It was proposed that Cllr Temple be Chair of the Planning and Development Cttee for 2023.2024. There were no other nominations.

On the proposal of Cllr Goldsmith, seconded by Cllr Kerr it was unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Temple as Chair of the Planning and Development Cttee for 2023.2024.

Cllr Temple offered his thanks to Cllr Jeans as the previous Chair of the cttee for undertaking the role excellently.

2. **Apologies:** *To receive and approve apologies for absence.*

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wells which were noted.

3. **Declarations of interest:**

a) *To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.* All Cllrs declared a DPI in regard to the planning application from the Golf Club, within their role as Trustees of the Common Trust.

b) *To receive any declarations of Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda.* Nil.

c) *To receive details of any lobbying to members.* Cllr Flunder advised that he had been lobbied about the Golf Club application, as a member of the Golf Club and would therefore seek permission to speak about the application if required, but not to vote.

d) *To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda.* All members, apart from Cllr Flunder, were provided with a dispensation to discuss the Golf Club application. Cllr Flunder was provided with a dispensation to speak about the Golf Club application but to not vote.

3. **To receive and approve Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 18th April 2023.**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 18th April 2023 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).*

There were no members of the public present.

5. **Planning Matters:**

a. **To determine the Town Council response to the following applications:**

Cllr Flunder did not vote on the following application.

DC/23/1739/VOC – Variation of Condition Nos. 2 and 3 of DC/22/4510/FUL – A new standalone pro-shop, with an associated swing training room for tuition and youth development purposes, club-fitting and members use – Minor modifications during the tender and design development processes (see application form for full description of works), Southwold Golf Club, The Common – ESC consultation deadline 1st June 2023.

The VOC relates to the size of the build – i.e., depth and length. The variation also retains the old pro shop but includes a roof replacement. Within the application the doors and windows have been changed. Cllr Jeans and Windell had provided useful advice to the Golf Club at design stage.

After full discussion it was AGREED to approve the application.

DC/23/1859/TCA – (T1 & T2) 2 x Sycamores – Coppice and manage regrowth at an appropriate size. Reason: The neighbours were previously given permission to cut their side back to the boundary line resulting in approx. ½ of the crown removed on one side leaving the trees severely unbalanced with all the weight leaning over shared driveway and within striking distance of their property, Flint Cottage, Centre Cliff, South Green – ESC consultation deadline 1st June 2023.

No Objection

DC/23/1690/FUL – Raise east flat roof to improve thermal qualities. Two storey west extension. Rear single storey extension. Replace garage. Garden summer house, 34 Hotson Road. ESC consultation deadline 8th June 2023.

Members noted that this is the fourth occasion that the applicant has applied for alterations to this property. No Design/ Access statement or Heritage Assessment is required.

Discussion re the summer house.

It was agreed by all that subject to the Summer House only being permitted as ancillary to the main dwelling, with no permission to enable it to be a property in its own right, then the Application should be permitted with this as a condition as per the Southwold N Plan.

DC/23/1955/TPO – Trees numbered as per site plan. 2 x Sycamore (T1 & Ts) – Crown reduce by up to 1.5m to suitable growth points. Reason: general remedial pruning works. 2 x Ash (T3 & T4) – fell to ground level. Reason: due to poor quality and preservation of surrounding trees and shrubs, Stone House, Gun Hill. ESC consultation deadline 9th June 2023.

No Objection

b. ESC decisions and applications to ESC Committee. See attached.

c. Any new Planning Inspectorate Appeals Lodged? See attached and council minutes of 17th May 2023.

d. Other planning matters as required. Nil

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

Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 6pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25pm.

Signed

Dated