



Saxmundham Town Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Development Control Committee 6.00 PM 22nd June 2020 by Video Conference

Councillors: Cllr. J. Fisher (Chair) Cllr. N. Hiley Cllr. C. Hawkins Cllr. J. Macro

Also Present: J. Morcom (Assistant Town Clerk (ATC))

09/20PD Apologies for absence
There were no apologies.

10/20PD Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests
There were no Declarations of Interests.

11/20PD Minutes of the Previous Meeting
It was **UNANIMOUSLY** resolved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The Chairperson will sign his copy and return these to the office.

In relation to minute 08/20PD

'on occasions when the committee decides to oppose an application it should also resolve whether or not members would wish to refer the matter to the Planning committee meeting if requested as part of the ESDC process.'

The Chair commented that the Committee needs to make a similar decision when it supports an application as it is possible that the application may then be rejected by the planning authority.

In future, **ATC to record a clear note in the minutes of recent East Suffolk planning decisions.**

12/20PD Open Forum

No members of the public had joined the meeting, but the Committee had received written representations in relation to DC/20/2040/41.

13/20PD Planning Applications

- a. DC/20/1882/VOC: Variation to plots 4a, 4b, and covered parking for plots 4b, 5 and 6 of the Former County Primary School site. This item had been deferred from the previous meeting. Members of the Committee have now visited the site
It was unanimously RESOLVED to support the application as the changes represent improvements to the development.
- b. DC/2040/FUL and DC/20/2041/LBC: Glazed link between house and outbuilding, boarding over swimming pool to create a games room and creation of high level 'deck' at Fairfield House East. The Committee noted that Fairfield House East is used for holidays lets and is managed through an agent. They also noted the particularly close proximity to residents in Fairfield House South and properties 1 and 2 on the site location plan. The Committee went on to consider written representations from Fairfield House Residents Association and two individual neighbours, all expressing concerns that the proposed changes would increase the noise and disruption they were already experiencing from groups of people on holiday at Fairfield House East, and that the changes also had the potential to increase the number of bed spaces. The Committee also noted the comments of the Residents Association regarding the inappropriateness of the design in a conservation area. The Committee expressed sympathy with the concerns raised but felt hard put to find material reasons to object to the application.

It was unanimously RESOLVED not to support the application for the following reasons:

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- The Committee has received representations from the neighbours who are already significantly disrupted by noise from the dwelling which is run as a holiday let for large groups. As we understand it, management of the let is via a management agent rather than on site.
 - The changes proposed have the potential to increase the accommodation space which may lead to additional noise nuisance for neighbours, some of whom are elderly, that will be detrimental to their wellbeing, and therefore
 - The proposed changes have the potential to impact adversely on the 'amenity of the wider environment'.
- Exact wording of the response to be agreed by email.
- c. DC/20/0808.09 Albion St
It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to support the application as it represents an improvement to the property.
 - d. DC/20/1941/VOC minor changes to the levels at Fairfield Road Primary School site.
It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Committee had no objections to the application as the changes seem minor.

14/20PD

Recent Planning Decisions

The Committee noted that East Suffolk Council had permitted applications DC/20/1369/FUL and DC/20/1384/FUL.

15/20PD

AOB – No decisions can be taken

- a. Cllr Hiley suggested that the Town Council should use its powers to encourage hedgehog highways and other wildlife friendly features. **To be on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Committee on 6th July.**
- b. Cllr Fisher informed the Committee that Abellio Greater Anglia were submitting proposals for changes to the approved plans for the Railway station and that he would follow this up.

The meeting closed at 7.03 p.m.

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