

## WOODBIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an on-line meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 at 6pm

### Councillors:

Present: S Bale, Lady C Blois (except item 345-347), S Miller, R Sanders and M Sutton

Apologies: G Holdcroft, E O’Nolan and C Walsh

By Invitation: Councillor Jewers

Absent without

Apologies: C Mapey

In Attendance: Locum Deputy Town Clerk and two members of the public

*Action*

### 345. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Holdcroft, O’Nolan and Walsh.

### 346. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS WERE INVITED TO MAKE ANY DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY OR LOCAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS THAT THEY MAY HAVE IN RELATION TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND WERE ALSO REMINDED TO MAKE ANY DECLARATIONS AT ANY STAGE DURING THE MEETING IF IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT THIS MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN A PARTICULAR ITEM OR ISSUE IS CONSIDERED, AND TO DEAL WITH DISPENSATIONS AS REQUESTED BY INDIVIDUAL COUNCILLORS IN LINE WITH S33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

No members declared an interest in matters on the agenda.

### 347. COUNCILLORS WITH A PECUNIARY INTEREST IN AN ITEM ON THIS AGENDA, WHO WISH TO REMAIN, SPEAK AND/OR VOTE DURING CONSIDERATION OF THAT ITEM, MAY APPLY FOR A DISPENSATION BY WRITING TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING. APPLICATIONS MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING ITSELF SHOULD THE NATURE OF THE INTEREST BECOME APPARENT TO A COUNCILLOR AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING

There were no requests from Councillors with a Pecuniary Interest in an item on this Agenda for a dispensation.

**348. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Two members of the public regretted that the Council had agreed to recommend approval to planning application DC/20/2725/FUL The Crown Hotel, 2 Thoroughfare, before residents' comments had been received. They spoke about the impact of the new building on their aspect in Crown Place and asked if the Committee, without changing its original decision, could ask East Suffolk Council to take the concerns of the residents in Crown Place into consideration.

The Committee agreed to email East Suffolk Council to this effect.

**349. CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Committee agreed and approved the signing of the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 as a true record.

**350. TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

Application No and Address	Committee Comments
DC/20/3140/TCA – Garden House, 3A Pytches Road	We recommend APPROVAL
DC/20/3242/FUL – 6 Ransom Road	We recommend APPROVAL
DC/20/3250/FUL – 60 Old Barrack Lane	We recommend APPROVAL
DC/20/3304/FUL – 37 Grundisburgh Road	We recommend APPROVAL

**351. TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM**

The Committee considered the proposed changes to the Planning System and asked the Locum Deputy Clerk to produce a series of detailed draft responses for consideration at future meetings.

**352. TO AGREE THE STATEMENT TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR THE SIZEWELL C INSPECTION**

The Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council that the following statement to be included as part of the registration process for the Sizewell C inspection:-

*Woodbridge Town Council (WTC) presents the following representation.*

*The DCO application does not consider the impact of contractor/subcontractor, consultants or EDF off site facilities on road usage, local employers and*

*accommodation in the greater Suffolk area. There will be potential for such facilities to be developed at Rendlesham Business Park at the end of the A1152 where office and lay down areas are plentiful and temporary accommodation is feasible. It is on a direct non A12 route to Sizewell C.*

*The study of road-based transportation does not address the impact on Woodbridge and its environs or propose any avoidance or mitigation as it fails to*

- a) consider the use that site staff, visitors and delivery drivers can make of non A12 routes to Sizewell or any off-site facilities. Traffic enabled GPS often directs this route*
- b) the route likely to be directed is via the A1152 and B1069. This has pinch points at the junction with the B1438 and at Melton railway level crossing. There are no options to improve traffic flow. Significant additional traffic flow will cause queues to extend over the level crossing.*
- c) the impact of additional traffic on extending periods of current queuing on the A12 south of the B1079/A12 roundabout to the B1438/A12 roundabout*
- d) the use of B1438 through Woodbridge to the A1152 or onto the A12 southern park and ride and lorry park holding facility via Ufford and Wickham Market, known rat runs.*
- e) The impact of diversion due to accidents between the A1152/A12 junction and the southern park and ride and lorry park holding facility.*

*Use of Rendlesham Business Park will attract employees from Woodbridge to Rendlesham increasing traffic issues. Further it will attract new employees to live in Woodbridge exacerbating current limits on low cost and tourist accommodation. This will impact on local employers, employees, tourist related employment, a key employment sector.*

*The DCO study of rail transportation assumes night-time delivery trains as train paths are currently restricted to one track from Woodbridge to Saxmundham. The railway passes through urban residential areas at Woodbridge, Melton, Campsea Ashe and Saxmundham with pedestrian crossing requiring use of klazons and noisy passage over jointed track. No means of avoidance or mitigation for such impact is investigated/proposed. The Council consider night-time trains could be avoided by incorporating a length of dual track in the Campsea Ashe area, effectively doubling line capacity during the day. Further extension of continuous rail from Bealings to Saxmundham would reduce noise impact and maintenance of many life expired timber sleepers.*

*WTC also wish to register concerns on other aspects that will impact residents, and the regional setting*

- a) *EDF's coastal process assessment, HCDF design, FRA findings, the suitability and practicality of an 'adaptable' coastal defence approach at Sizewell C on site safety and regional coastal erosion*
- b) *ii. the impact of the traffic movements to/from the Seven Hills lorry park on the A12 and the A12/A14 interchange*

*WTC will seek to assist Examiners if they request further particulars on these matters.*

The Committee further agreed that, in order to capture the widest range of comments, the Locum Deputy Clerk contact affected Parishes with a view to forming a single registered group party to the process with a one-line statement that "This group endorses the views of the following Parish/Town Councils" and then list the members of the group in the statement.

### **353. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 6.59pm.

Councillor Miller  
Chair