

## Woodbridge Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** held at the **John Gibbons Gallery, The Longshed, Tide Mill Way** on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> **November 2021** at 5pm

### Councillors:

Present: S Bale, G Holdcroft, R Sanders, C Walsh, M Sutton

Apologies: D Adelson and S Miller

Absent without Lady C Blois and C Mapey

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In Attendance: Town Clerk and no members of the public

### 540. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Adelson and Miller.

### 541. To receive Declarations of Interest

No members made any Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Local Non-Pecuniary Interests in relation to items on the agenda.

### 542. To consider requests for Dispensations

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

### 543. Public Question Time

There were no members of public present.

### 544. To agree and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved.

### 545. To note intentions to undertake works to trees in the Conservation Area

The Committee noted intentions to undertake works to trees in the conservation area.

546. To review and comment upon removal of TPO tree

Application No and Address	Committee Comments
DC/21/5159/TPO - 37 Mill View Close	<p>We recommend <b>REFUSAL</b> as there is no justification for the removal of this tree – we don't consider that shading is a suitable reason for the 'Full removal' of a tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order. The approval of this application would set a dangerous precedent for future applications of a similar nature.</p> <p>Crown reduction or pruning would be acceptable.</p> <p>We would have also expected any application to contain details of compensatory planting should the tree be removed, however nothing of this nature is forthcoming in this application.</p>

547. To comment on applications for planning permission

The Council agreed their comments as set out below:-

Application No and Address	Committee Comments
DC/21/5095/FUL - 24 Cherry Tree Road	We recommend <b>APPROVAL</b> subject to Suffolk County Council Highways approving the installation of a dropped kerb.
DC/21/5104/FUL - 14 Bullards Lane	We recommend <b>APPROVAL</b> .
DC/21/5063/FUL - 3 Pinewood	We recommend <b>APPROVAL</b>
DC/21/5187/FUL - 6B Prentices Lane	We recommend <b>REFUSAL</b> as we are concerned about the safety issues presented by this application. The introduction of a new access to the property via a layby on the A12 poses risks to both users of the property and users of the busy, fast moving A12/ Grove Road. There are already a number of accesses in the layby, and we are concerned that adding another will increase the risk of an accident.
DC/21/4557/FUL - Little Kyson Broomheath	Woodbridge Town Council recommended <b>REFUSAL</b> of this application on October 22 <sup>nd</sup> due to the application contravening the following policies of

	<p>Policy SCLP5.5: Conversions of Buildings in the Countryside for Housing:</p> <p>a) The conversion of buildings in the countryside for residential use will be permitted where:</p> <p>b) The building provides a positive contribution to the landscape;</p> <p>c) The conversion does not require significant alteration;</p> <p>d) The design maintains or enhances the structure, form and character of the rural building;</p> <p>g) The conversion enhances the immediate setting of the area; and</p> <p>h) The site is served by an appropriate existing access.</p> <p>Having studied the updated application, we wish to reaffirm our decision to refuse the application for contravening these policies.</p> <p>Furthermore, the updated application has also failed to address the issues raised by East Suffolk Council in the pre-planning advice.</p> <p>For these reasons we recommend <b>REFUSAL</b> of this application.</p>
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**548. To note East Suffolk Council decisions on planning applications where those decisions are contrary to this Council’s recommendations and not previously reported.**

The Committee noted East Suffolk Council decisions on planning applications where those decisions are contrary to this council’s recommendations and not previously reported.

The Town Clerk was asked to write to the head of the Planning department at East Suffolk Council expressing this Committees disappointment at the approval by East Suffolk Officers of applications refused by WTC.

549. To discuss how the Committee wishes to comment on the Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document Initial Consultation

Members agreed that the Town Clerk comment on section 2 of the consultation in line with committee's view that the affordable housing in larger urban required policy to address problems related to combined private/affordable housing in a single housing unit.

550. To discuss how the Committee wishes to comment on the Draft Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document

Members agreed that they had no comment to make on this consultation.

551. To discuss how the Committee wishes to comment on the Draft Cycling and Walking Strategy

Members agreed to defer discussion on this consultation, and invited the Highways Committee to a joint meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> to agree the Council's response.

552. Closure

The meeting was closed at 5.59pm.

Councillor Sanders  
Chair