

Woodbridge Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** held at the **Shire Hall** on **Tuesday 14th March 2023** at **5pm**.

Councillors:

Present: D Adelson, S Bale, G Holdcroft, R Sanders, S Rawlings, M Sutton, and C Walsh.

Apologies: C Blois, P Gillard, and S Miller.

In Attendance: Town Clerk and one member of the public.

749. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Blois, Gillard, and Miller.

750. 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.

751. To consider requests for Dispensations

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

752. To agree and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2023

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 14th February 2023 were approved.

753. Public Question Time.

The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

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

The Committee noted the following applications:

DC/23/0567/TCA - Seckford Almshouses Seckford Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4NB

DC/23/0609/TCA - 37 Mill View Close Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4HR

DC/23/0693/TCA - 1 Doric Place Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1BT

DC/23/0668/TCA - 8 Theatre Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4NE

The Committee noted the quality of the application for 1 Doric Place.

755. To comment on applications to trees with a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Application No and Address	Committee Comments
DC/23/0759/TPO - Grove Lodge 6 Pytches Road Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1ET	<p>Woodbridge Town Council (WTC) recommended refusal of an earlier TPO application for this site (DC/22/4490/TPO) and was dismayed that this application was approved.</p> <p>WTC consider that the removal of this protected tree is completely unnecessary, and therefore recommend refusal of this application.</p> <p>WTC is however extremely disappointed to note that this is retrospective application as the tree has already been removed.</p> <p>WTC strongly recommend that the Planning Authority seek enforcement of a fine in this instance. An example needs to be made to stop the removal of trees under TPO before consent for works has provided through the statutory planning procedure.</p>

756. To comment on applications for planning permission

The Committee agreed their comments as set out below:-

Application No and Address	Committee Comments
DC/23/0061/VOC - Inn Field House 9 Pytches Road Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1ET	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/0425/FUL - 31 Cumberland Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4AH	WTC recommend refusal as there is inadequate information provided regarding the enlargement of bedroom 3. WTC encourage the Planning Authority to consider the opinion of the Design & Conservation Officer provided on page 3 of his statement, which suggests that further clarification should be sought from the applicant regarding the impact of the proposal on the existing roof structure.

	WTC support the opinion of the Woodbridge Society regarding the blandness of the proposed replacement porch and the preference for a like for like replacement.
DC/23/0426/LBC - 31 Cumberland Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4AH	WTC recommend refusal as there is inadequate information provided regarding the enlargement of bedroom 3. WTC encourage the Planning Authority to consider the opinion of the Design & Conservation Officer provided on page 3 of his statement, which suggests that further clarification should be sought from the applicant regarding the impact of the proposal on the existing roof structure. WTC support the opinion of the Woodbridge Society regarding the blandness of the proposed replacement porch and the preference for a like for like replacement.
DC/23/0557/VOC - 21 Hasketon Road Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4LD	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/0637/FUL - 33 Through Duncans Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4EA	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/0615/FUL - 1A St Johns Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1EB	WTC is happy to recommend approval of this application on planning principle, but must again express our disappointment that this listed building is again associated with a retrospective planning application. WTC strongly recommend that the Planning Authority seek to enforce penalties on the applicant.
DC/23/0616/LBC - 1A St Johns Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1EB	WTC is happy to recommend approval of this application on planning principle, but must again express our disappointment that this listed building is again associated with a retrospective planning application. WTC strongly recommend that the Planning Authority seek to enforce penalties on the applicant.
DC/23/0622/FUL - Ye Olde Bell And Steelyard 103 New Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1DZ	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/0448/FUL - St John's Church Hall St Johns Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1EB	WTC recommend approval.

DC/23/0775/FUL - Jetty Lane The Avenue Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4BA	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/0781/FUL - The Sycamores 1A Catherine Road Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4JP	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/0653/FUL - Flat 2 12 New Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1DU	WTC recommend approval.
DC/22/3696/FUL - 9 - 11 Gobbitts Yard Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1DD	WTC recommend approval.

757. To receive an update from the SALC Town and Parish Council planning study online meeting

The Chair provided an update from the SALCTown and Parish Council planning study online meeting.

With the approval of those Members present the Chair re-ordered the agenda to take item 12 at this time.

758. To receive an update from the Chair regarding the formation of the East Suffolk Planning Alliance

The Chair provided an update regarding the formation of the East Suffolk Planning Alliance.

759. To note East Suffolk Council's decisions on planning applications where those decisions are contrary to this council's recommendations and not previously reported

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

The Chair and Town Clerk were mandated to write to the Planning Authority regarding the multiple recent instances of retrospective planning applications being submitted, and subsequently approved, on listed buildings. The Committee wish to understand if the Planning Authority has any intention of, taking action regarding these breaches of planning protocol.

760. To consider if this Committee wishes to provide comment on two consultations recently launched by East Suffolk Council.

The Committee agreed not to provide comment on the consultations regarding the Custom and Self-Build Housing Supplementary Planning Document and Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document.

761. Closure

The meeting was closed at 6.10pm.

Councillor Sanders
Chair