Woodbridge Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held at the Shire Hall on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 5pm.

Councillors:

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

Apologies: C Blois, P Gillard, and C Walsh.

In Attendance: Town Clerk and no members of the public.

788. Apologies for Absence

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

789. To receive Declarations of Interest

Councillor Rawlings declared a local non-pecuniary interest in application DC/23/0886/OUT as a near neighbour.

790. To consider requests for Dispensations

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

791. To agree and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2023

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

792. Public Question Time.

There were no members of the public present.

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

The Committee noted the following application:

DC/23/1126/TCA - 28 Bredfield Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4NH

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

The Committee agreed their comments as set out below:-

Application No and Address	Committee Comments
DC/23/0967/TPO - Woodbridge School Burkitt Road Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4JH	WTC recommend approval.

795. To comment on applications for planning permission

The Committee agreed their comments as set out below:-

Application No and Address	Committee Comments
DC/23/0877/FUL - Westerley Prentices Lane Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4LF	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/0842/FUL - 78 Victoria Road Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1EL	WTC recommend refusal of this application as we consider that the proposed removal of a significant grouping of trees in close proximity to TPO area ESCC/53/00025 is completely unnecessary – the applicant has sufficient space in the existing garden to position this annexe without removing trees in this sensitive area of Woodbridge.
	We consider that the proposed removal of trees contravenes SCLP10.4: Landscape Character a, b and c:
	Development proposals will be expected to demonstrate their location, scale, form, design and materials will protect and enhance:
	a) The special qualities and features of the area; b) The visual relationship and environment around settlements and their landscape settings; c) Distinctive landscape elements including but not limited to watercourses, commons, woodland trees, hedgerows and field boundaries, and their function as ecological corridors;
	If the Planning Authority seek to approve this application WTC would strongly recommend that the following conditions be places on the approval:

	- The annexe must remain in the ownership of 78 Victoria Road.
	- The annexe may not be sold or rented as a separate dwelling/holiday home.
	The only access to the rear of the garden via Wilderness Lane is on foot – the footpath at this location is narrow.
DC/22/3813/LBC - Flat 2 12 New Street Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1DU	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/1036/FUL - 21 Thoroughfare Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1AA	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/1037/LBC - 21 Thoroughfare Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1AA	WTC recommend approval.
DC/23/0886/OUT - 1 Edwin Terrace Edwin Avenue Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1JU	WTC recommend approval.

796. 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.

797. Closure

The meeting was closed at 5.26pm.

Councillor Sanders Chair