MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD TUESDAY 12th JULY 2022 STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

Councillors: M Brindle, D Crawford, S Dowling, C Harvey, D Hodgkinson, B Tullett, S Wright (Chair)

Officers:

T Cunnell (Town Clerk), K Robinson (Committee Clerk)

There were no members of the public in attendance.

MINUTES

184/22	DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS None.	
185/22	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Councillors C Barreto, R Brame, B Canham, J Hollis, J James, T Jermy. Absent: Councillors K Parker and M Taylor	
186/22	MINUTES RESOLVED: The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14th June 2022 which were approved by Full Council on 28th June 2022 are a true record and signed/initialled by the Committee Chairman.	
	PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER To discuss and agree the Town Council decisions on each of the applications below: A) Plan No 0215	
187/22	Previous objections (below) remain and Thetford Town Council also fully support the comment of the Contaminated Land Officer and the Tree Officer Infill development Over Development of area Increase in traffic Layout density of buildings Inappropriate development for residents	
	B) Plan No 0708 Consultation - Advert Applicant: British Telecommunications PLC. Removal of Existing BT Phone Box and Installation of a Proposed Replacement BT Street Hub and Associated	

Display of Advertisement to both side of the Unit. Footpath outside 26-28 King Street (NatWest). Thetford.

Objector

Thetford Town Council objects on the grounds that the location is unsuitable as it blocks main access to the performance area. The suggestion would be to place the display on the front corner of the performance area in line with the front of Lloyds bank which would also remove a trip hazard.

C) Plan No 0709 Consultation - Full

Applicant: British Telecommunications PLC. Removal of Existing BT Phone Box and Installation of a Proposed Replacement BT Street Hub and associated display of Advertisement to both side of the unit. Thetford.

Objector

Objection is on the grounds of location as proposed area reduces width of thoroughfare especially during events. Suggestion is that display is moved to alongside nearby manhole cover to maintain width of thoroughfare.

D) Plan No 0710 Consultation - Advert

Applicant: British Telecom PLC. Two Digital 75-inch LCD Display Screen One on each Side of the Street Hub Unit Footpath outside 26-28 King Street (NatWest). Thetford.

Supporter

No additional comments

E) Plan No 0711 Consultation - Advert

Applicant: British Telecommunications PLC. Removal of Existing BT Phone Box and Installation of a Proposed Replacement BT Street Hub and associated display of Advertisement to both side of the unit. Foot Path outside Light Cinema Anchor Place. Thetford.

Supporter

No additional comments

F) Plan No 0757 Consultation - Householder

Applicant: Mr Chris Gotch. Demolition of existing side outbuildings and replacement with two storey garage and annex side extension to dwelling. Singe storey detached sun lounge outbuilding.

1m high fence to plot frontage (on 1m wall, giving overall height of 2m).

Low gate in existing opening on frontage approaching front door.

2m high sliding vehicular gate and adjacent hinged personnel gate in frontage wall / fence.

Replacement doors and screens in existing rear conservatory.

Timber shed outbuilding (against South East boundary).

Metal storage outbuilding (against North East boundary). 22 Raymond Street. Thetford.

Objector

Thetford Town Council is in full support of highway officers' comments. Street frontage is too high street scape would be more appealing if walls/fences were

	1m and not 2m in height.		
188/22	LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED None.		
189/22	DECISIONS OF VARIANCE None.		
190/22	ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE GREATER THETFORD PARTNERSHIP (GTP) None.		
191/22	SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL (SCC) PLANNING APPLICATION 0095 Decision still outstanding.		
192/22	PARISH PARTNERSHIP BID 23/24 The Town Clerk reported: • Previous bid submitted but costs have increased. The Council to investigate current costs before re-submission. • County Officer to be contacted regarding future options. Councillors agreed to further investigation and potential allocation of funding.		
193/22	CARNEGIE ROOF TENDER The Tender Report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Councillors reviewed the architects report and awarded the tender to Number 3 at a cost of £64,951. Councillor D Crawford proposed and Councillor M Brindle seconded: RESOLVED: That the tender be awarded to Tender Number 3 at a cost of £64,951.		
194/22	COMMITTEE OFFICERS UPDATE None		
195/22	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT None.		

Chairman

Parish partnership bid 23/24

Last year the council agreed two potential bids with one being rolled over to this year for consideration and to also look at any additional suggestions that are put forward in year.

The plan agreed for this year was a continuation of the Nun's Bridges path to Ford Meadow the costs last year were approx. £25k in total with a £12k contribution form the town council, but these costs will have to be reviewed, due to the significant increase in costs over the last year.

Project title:	Ford Meadow path
	To upgrade the path at Ford Meadow. This is a very popular riverside walk however in the winter months the area is very wet making the area very muddy and slippery therefore excluding some users use.
	TTC would then build a new bridge at B on the map to enable paths to be effectively joined.
	To enable all residents to use the riverside walk throughout the whole year as currently the winter months makes access difficult.

