

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KINGS HOUSE THETFORD
ON TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2016 STARTING AT 7:00PM

Present:

The Mayor, Councillor R G Kybird (Chairman)

Councillors:

Mrs S J Armes	R F W Brame
M P Brindle	C R P Burnett
Mrs B J Canham	C Harvey
Mrs J M Hollis	J Newton
M Taylor	S N H Wright

Officer in attendance:

Tina Cunnell	PPP&C Officer
Chris Crimmen	Committee

Minutes

951/15 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS
None.

952/15 MINUTES
Resolved the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 2nd February 2016, and Special Planning 9th February 2016 received by Full Council on 23rd February 2016, as a true record and be signed/initialled by the Committee Chairman.

953/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillors T Jermy, J C Moorman, and M S Robinson.

954/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

a) Plan No 0102 Full

Applicant: Mr B Beard. Change of use of redundant office building into 2 starter houses, including demolition of single story rear extension Mill House Bridges Walk.

Supporter: Fully support Historic Buildings Officers comments requesting schedule of works and joinery details. Request S106 contribution towards open space management and play equipment for town centre.

b) Plan No 0130 Householder

Applicant: Mr Lee Lewandowski. Front extension. Addition of balustrade to rear sun room and new screening wall 49 Florence Barclay Close.

Supporter: Note comments from DBC in reference to the removal of balustrade and roof terrace from the plan both of which would have been cause for concern.

c) Plan No 0150 Householder

Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Sullivan. Demolish existing single storey rear extension, garage and conservatory and construct a single storey rear and part side extension. 58 Station Road.

Supporter.

d) Plan no 0172 Listed Building Consent

Applicant: Mr B Beard. Change of use of redundant office building into 2 starter houses, including demolition of single story rear extension Mill House Bridges Walk.

Supporter: Supporter: Fully support Historic Buildings Officers comments requesting schedule of works and joinery details.

e) Plan no 181 Householder

Applicant: Mr D Merritt. Rear PVC Orangery 1 Hudson Close

Supporter: There is a suggestion from neighbourhood to extend brick wall to boundary instead of wooden fence.

f) Plan no 0197 Listed Building Consent

Applicant Mr Andrew Scott. Installation of 10 swift boxes. The British Trust for Ornithology Nunnery Place.

Supporter.

955/15 LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

a) Plan no 0167 Full

Applicant: Hopkins Homes Limited Erection of detached two-storey dwelling and garage with formulation of vehicular access drive and provision of new area of public open space Rosecroft Way.

Supporter – Request a tree planting scheme for open spaces and S106 contribution to maintain public open spaces and play equipment in town centre.

b) Plan no 0174 Householder

Applicant: Mr Andrzej Kosior Erection of front porch 31 Mingay Road.

Supporter.

956/15 CONSULTATION ON NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL LIST FOR VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Committee reviewed the consultation on NCC Local List for validation of Planning Applications and Thetford Town Councils response is as follows:

Heritage Statement:

This is a desk based study which is not adequate to decide the impact on conservation areas.

Lighting Assessment

Information should include a specific “Dark Skies” reference not just the current reference to guidance.

Parking Provision

Policy does not reflect where there is already significant parking issues. Any school application should include a comprehensive travel plan including the safe drop off and collection of children.

Travel Plan

The ability to enforce the recommendation of a travel plan is key to its effectiveness.

The PPP&C Officer will pass the Council’s response onto the Norfolk County Council.

957/17 INSTALLATION OF GATE AT BRECKLAND HOUSE

The Chairman introduced the work that has been carried out to install a 2 metre gate at Breckland House. There followed a discussion during which the following points were raised:

- This gate has been installed without a planning application and without due consideration.
- This gate now blocks a right of way.
- This gate is not in keeping for the surrounding conservation area.
- The gate now blocks the only safe pedestrian entrance and exit to and from the car park as the narrow vehicular exit is a danger to pedestrians.
- This gate also blocks the pedestrian emergency fire exit route to and from the car park for the Ancient House Museum and the Nursery School both based in White Hart Street.

The PPP&C Officer will take this matter up with Breckland Council.

958/15 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

959/15 PRESS RELEASES

None.

Chairman.

ACTION POINT	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
To contact Breckland Council to discover why there were no Planning applications for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Old Maltings, Raymond Street - window advertising.• Abbey Barns, Monksgate – Installation of inappropriate street lighting.• Breckland House – 2 Metre gate installed at Breckland House.	PPP& C Officer	12/04/2016