

Minutes
Planning Committee
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Date 12/12/2023
Time 19:00 - 19:44
Location King's House; Council Chamber.
Present Ann Blackbourn, David Blackbourn, Mike Brindle, Kristopher Brooks, David Evans, Chris Harvey, Douglas Jefferson, Terry Jermy, Terry Land, Mac Macdonald (Vice Chair), Hazel McCambridge, Matthew Stirrup, and Stuart Wright (Chair).
Officers Alan Yorke (Deputy Town Clerk).
Members of the Public There was one member of the public in attendance.

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510/23 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

511/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies: Councillors Carla Barreto, Victor Peters, Stuart Terry, and Ronald Wood.
Absent: Councillor Adam Mitchell.

512/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th November 2023, which were received by Full Council on 28th November 2023, are a true record and signed/initialled by the Committee Chairman.

513/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

To discuss and agree the Town Council decisions on each of the applications below:

A) Plan No 1091 Consultation – Householder

Applicant: C/o Rees Pryer Architects. Proposed demolition & rebuild of existing rear single & two storey elevation. Proposed slight Increase to existing single storey to improve habitable space. 33 Castle Street. Thetford.

Supporter

No additional comments

B) Plan No 0099 Consultation – Householder

Applicant: Mr Colin Brooks. Proposed Replacement Front Porch. 7 Nunnery Drive. Thetford.

Supporter

No additional comments

C) Plan No 1144 Consultation – Variation

Applicant: Stapleford Thetford Ltd. Variation of Condition 12 on 3PL/2022/0173/VAR - to vary the wording of the condition to allow retailer (Shoe Zone) to occupy Unit 3 (also known as Unit C) at the Breckland Retail Park. Thetford.

Objection

The Town Council is an objector. The reason is that Town Council believes that the condition is necessary to safeguard the retail presence in the Town Centre.

514/23 LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

None.

515/23 DECISIONS OF VARIANCE

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Stewart & Wendy Armstrong Location: THETFORD 53 Highlands
Reference: 3PL/2023/0961/HOU Proposal: Two Storey Side and Rear Extensions to include a new one bay carport and garage. Proposed First Floor Rear Extensions and Installation of Roof Lights at rear. Proposed porch on South Elevation.

The Council was a supporter with no additional comments. Breckland Council refused the planning application as follows: The proposed extensions by way of their siting, design, and appearance, would result in a form of development out of keeping with and detrimental to the character and appearance of the existing dwelling and street scene contrary to Policies COM01 and GEN02, of the Breckland Local Plan (2023) as well as having regard to paragraph 134 of the NPPF (2023)

The decision of variance was noted.

516/23 ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE GREATER THETFORD PARTNERSHIP (GTP)

None

517/23 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None.

518/23 COMMITTEE OFFICER'S UPDATE

None.

519/23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider resolving that, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded for any remaining items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

Decision required: Whether or not to exclude the press and public.

Lead: Chair.

520/23 CHANGES TO THE SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

The resignation of the Town Clerk was discussed. It was decided to formally accept the resignation of the Town Clerk effective from 29 February 2024 and the Committee agreed a few interim changes to the Senior Management Team. The Chair of the Senior Management Team was tasked with communicating these changes to the staff members involved.

Chairman