

Minutes
Planning Committee
Planning

Date	12/03/2024
Time	19:00 – 21:25
Location	King's House; Council Chamber.
Present	Carla Barreto, David Blackbourn, Ann Blackbourn, Mike Brindle, Chris Harvey, Terry Jermy, Terry Land, Mac MacDonald (Vice Chair), Victor Peters, Matthew Stirrup, Stuart Terry, and Stuart Wright (Chair).
Officers	Alan Yorke (Acting Town Clerk). Karen Robinson (Committee Clerk) Mark Webster (in a consultancy capacity).
Members of the Public	There were no members of the public in attendance. There were two representatives from Pigeon in attendance.

MINUTES

741/23 DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

742/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies: Councillors David (Ieuan) Evans, Douglas Jefferson, Hazel McCambridge and Ronald Wood.

Absent: Councillor Adam Mitchell.

743/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13 February 2024 which were received by Council on 27 February 2024, are a true record and signed/initialled by the Committee Chairman.

744/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

To discuss and agree the Town Council decisions on each of the applications below to be submitted to Breckland Council Planning.

A) Plan No 0006 Consultation - Photovoltaics

Applicant: Mr Ardesb Sarangam. Installation of solar panels on the flat and pitched roofs of the school. The Bishop's CE Primary Academy, Canterbury Way, Thetford.

Supporter. No additional comments.

B) Plan No 0040 Consultation – Discharge of Condition

Applicant: Breckland District Council. Discharge of condition 6 – Noise Management Plan on 3PL/2023/0668/F. Thetford Sports Centre, Croxton Road, Thetford.

Supporter. The Council would like to make reference to its previous comments on noise nuisance.

C) Plan No 0134 Consultation – Householder

Applicant: Miss Beverley Uter. Install Air Con Wall Mounted units to home Exterior needs two units to support the internal use of cold air to keep house cool (retrospective). 7 Coltsfoot Way, Thetford.

Supporter. No additional comments.

D) Plan No 0156 Consultation – Listed Building

Applicant: The Lotus Academy Trust and Athena Education Support CIC. Proposed internal alterations to include internal corridor to be enclosed on the 1st floor only for fire safety reasons. The Maltings, Raymond Street, Thetford.

Supporter. No additional comments.

745/23 LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED

None.

746/23 OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee discussed the following planning matter distributed by Breckland Council Planning.

E) 3PL/2023/0961/HOU – Notification that applicant intends to appeal to Secretary of State.

The Council noted that it does not wish to withdraw its previous comments.

747/23 DECISIONS OF VARIANCE

None.

748/23 ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE GREATER THETFORD PARTNERSHIP (GTP)

None.

749/23 UPDATE ON THE KINGSFLEET SUSTAINABLE URBAN EXTENSION (SUE)

The representatives from Pigeon gave an update on the Kingsfleet SUE and answered questions from Councillors covering: -

- The timing of development.
- The latest update on the provision of schools.
- Streetlighting.
- Allotments.
- Playparks.
- Medical centres and facilities.
- Provision of recreational activities.
- Social and affordable housing.
- The retail offering.
- Additional access to Norwich Road.
- The development of employment opportunities

In addition, there were some concerns raised about the laying of additional cabling to the Kingsfleet SUE through other parts of the town and the damage that had been done.

It was agreed that the Councillors should be provided additional information on the Section 106 agreement, particularly the trigger points.

The update was noted.

As the meeting had been in progress for 2 hours, it was agreed to suspend Standing Order 3x.

750/23 GUILDHALL TWO TOWERS UPDATE

The Councillors discussed an update on the Guildhall Two Towers, which was circulated prior to the meeting:

- A significant cost of £70, 000.00 has already been spent on scaffolding for The Guildhall.
- Two professional companies were engaged to assess the two towers issue.
- A Project Manager should have been appointed to look after Council properties.
- The Guildhall needs to be maintained for the residents of Thetford.

After a discussion, it was decided to proceed with Option Two:

Councillor Terry Jermy proposed, and Councillor David Blackburn seconded.

RESOLVED: That the Clock Tower to be repaired now and the scaffolding to then be removed, which will incur another £6,000.00 - £8,000.00 of scaffolding rental costs.

751/23 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

None.

752/23 COMMITTEE OFFICERS UPDATE

To receive any update from the Committee Officer since the issue of the agenda.
None.

753/23 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.

754/23 RECONSIDER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was noted that the Acting Town Clerk had received a motion signed by 6 councillors requesting that the Standing Order 7a be suspended so that this matter could be revised.

The Committee agreed to change its procedures relating to the filming of the public forum that takes place before the Full Council meeting.

It was agreed that the Council will film and allow the public to film the public open forum on the basis that a separate area would be set aside for those not wanting to be filmed. The Council will issue a statement setting out the new processes. The Council will put an encourage residents to submit questions in writing for the public open forum and answering these will be given preference.

Councillor Matthew Stirrup proposed, and Councillor Terry Land seconded.

RESOLVED: That these procedures for recording the public open forum be adopted.

Chairman