

Needham Market Town Council

Planning Committee

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

At 7.00pm in the Green Room

Attendees: Cllr J Reardon, in the chair, Cllrs, A Reardon, Annis, Phillips, Stansfield, O'Shea, Ost, Lawrence.

Martin Ost and Martin O'Shea had not made their declaration and could speak at the meeting but were not permitted to vote.

Four members of public were in attendance.

**1. To receive Apologies for Absence.**

None received.

**2. To receive and approve the Minutes from the Planning Committee Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.**

Minutes received and approved.

**3. To receive any Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Members.**

Cllr Phillips declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in relation to 17 Crowley Road.

Cllr Lawrence, as a member of Mid Suffolk District Council's Planning Committee, declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in planning matters.

**4. To approve any Dispensations with respect to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**

None.

**5. To consider Applications for Planning Permission**

a) New Applications available at time of agenda.

DC/23/02158 Full Planning Application - Change of Use of agricultural land to form additional parking area and siting refrigeration equipment including container associated with farm shop (retention of) - Alder Carr Farm, St Mary's Road, Creting St Mary.

Public attendees as neighbours explained the impact that the siting of the refrigeration equipment had upon the enjoyment of their premises.

The Committee recommended refusal for the siting of the refrigeration equipment. There was no objection to the change of use of the agricultural land to parking.

DC/23/02336 Full Planning Application - Installation of an Automated Teller Machine and associated signage – 64-66 High Street, Needham Market.

DC/23/02337 Application for Advertisement Consent – Installation of 1 no. non-illuminated ATM top signage and 1 no. illuminated logo panel (retention of) – 64-66 High Street, Needham Market.

The Committee acknowledged the benefit provided by the ATM for the town and recommended that both applications should be approved.

DC/23/02521 Full Planning Application - Siting of freezer condenser unit (repositioned to flat roof – retention of) - The Swan, 9 High Street, Needham Market.

The Committee recommended approval.

## **6. To receive any specific items from the Town Clerk or Presenting Officer.**

Street Naming.

An application for a Change to or Additional Street Sign had been referred by Mid Suffolk District Council. The application sought an additional street sign at the end of School Street indicating specific properties in School Street.

The Committee recommended that the Town Clerk should provide a draft of the street sign and subject to this, the Committee recommended approval. This decision to be referred to the next Governance and Finance Committee meeting for approval.

Matters arising from Planning Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May:

Hand Carwash at the former Kerridges Garage site.

Cllr O'Shea informed the Committee that Cllr Mason has expressed the Council's concerns to the District Council regarding the correct disposal of wastewater. Concerns were further raised regarding the indiscriminate signage from the Carwash which has obstructed footpaths resulting in residents taking action and, removing them. It was also mentioned that it appeared workers were living on site in van/mobile home accommodation.

Lion Barn Industrial Estate.

It was reported the existing entrance onto phase 2 development is already in regular use, possibly by the company working on the upgrade of the High Voltage Power lines plus construction traffic to the Lion Barn Estate. No planning application appears to have been submitted.

Land behind the Lion Public House.

A member of public raised concerns he and others have regarding the land behind the Lion Public House. A planning application has had its determination deadline extended several times since it was submitted. The Town Council's recommended refusal. Cllr Annis previously

reported an access to the site from Grinstead Hill was created providing vehicular access. The District Council have now ordered that this unauthorised access be closed and the hedge reinstated.

17 Crowley Road.

Notice has been given for a planning appeal for 17 Crowley Road Needham Market. The planning committee originally approved the application for a front porch extension.

97 High Street.

Mid Suffolk District Council has been informed unpermitted work was being carried out at Bugs Bar, 97 High Street and have ordered that works cease until an application for Listed Building Consent is made and any necessary permission granted.

**7. To receive a report from the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan Review Group.**

It is proposed to set up a separate review body within the next few months with a separate chair which Cllr Ost has offered to hold. This will be referred to the next full Council meeting for approval.