

Needham Market Town Council

Planning Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 7th March 2022

1. Present: Cllr O’Shea (Chairperson), Cllr Lea, Cllr Cave, Cllr Mason, Cllr Phillips, Cllr Ost, and Cllr Stansfield.

One member of the public also attended.

2. Apologies: Cllr Reardon, Cllr Annis.

3. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PLANNING MEETINGS: the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 7th February were confirmed as a correct record.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest: there were no declarations.

5. Dispensations with respect to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: there was no request that the committee consider dispensations.

6. To consider Applications for Planning Permission:

7. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

DC/22/00660 - Householder Application - Erection of single storey front and rear extensions, and application of render to side elevation - 5 Chalkeith Road Needham Market Suffolk IP6 8HA

The application had a response deadline to 1st March 2022.

The Planning Committee agreed the following response, which was submitted to the Planning Authority (Mid Suffolk District Council) on 23rd February 2022:

Needham Market Town Council supports approval of the application.

DC/22/00935 - Householder Application - Erection of replacement garage (following demolition of existing) – Bedford House, The Pightle, Needham Market Suffolk IP6 8AQ

The application has a response deadline to 15th March 2022.

The Committee supports the application but on the condition that at no time in the future will a planning permission be granted for the replacement garage to be changed to residential use.

DC/21/05596 - Planning Application - Change of use of part of land to use as a construction and agricultural training facility including new training centre and associated car park and hardstand, equipment/machinery store and scaffold area. Change of use of remainder of land to use for the grazing of horses and sheep including new stables and storage shed. Associated fencing and landscaping and alterations to existing access to site - Land At Pippes Ford A14 Slip Off To A140 Coddendam Suffolk IP6 8LJ

This is a re-consultation resulting from the Planning Authority (Mid Suffolk District Council) receiving further information.

The application has a response deadline to 18th March 2022.

The Committee considers that this further information on the current application does not alter the Committee's view, namely:

Needham Market Town Council reiterates its grounds of strong objection as it made the original application, as follows: The proposed development site is situated in a relatively tranquil area beside the River Gipping. The River Gipping Walk is an important recreational facility both for the local community and beyond. It is a key factor in attracting visitors to the town which is critical to supporting the local economy. In that and many other respects the proposed use of the site is fundamentally unsuited to its location and there are numerous other commercial sites readily available to accommodate the proposed business use. The relevant land allocations are identified in the local Planning Authorities Core Strategy Focussed Review and the emerging Joint Local Plan. The purpose of those documents is primarily to direct future housing and employment growth to appropriate locations. The proposed business use will generate considerable pollution totally alien to its location and which will cause significant intrusion and irreparable damage to local biodiversity and, more generally the environment, the future of which is finely balanced. The proposals are also contrary to the development of Needham Market as set out in Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Phillips proposed that NMTC submit an objection to Mid Suffolk District Council consistent with the grounds for objection to the prior application as set out above. The Committee unanimously agreed the proposal.

DC/22/01042 – Householder Application – Erection of a single storey rear extension – 17 Morris Way, Needham Market IP6 8TD
The application has a response deadline to 18th March 2022.

Needham Market Town Council supports approval of the application.

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA

None

APPLICATION IN HAND BUT NOT LISTED WITH THE PLANNING SCHEDULE

DC/22/01109 - **Proposal:** Application for consent to display an advertisement(s) - 1no. Illuminated fascia sign, 6no. window graphics and 2no. poster units

At 64 - 66 High Street, Needham Market, Ipswich, Suffolk IP6 8AW
Application has a response deadline to **23rd March 2022.**

The Committee consider that the proposals are not in keeping with the character of historic Needham Market and contrary to matters included with Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan. The proposals should be revised to remove the window graphics and amend the fascia by removal of the illumination and to simply show the name and purpose of the shop.

8. To receive any specific items from the Town Clerk or Presenting Officer.

The matter of 'A' frames sited on the public pavements throughout the town was raised by Cllr. Lea. These 'A' frames cause an obstruction to the public and are increasing in number. Cllr Phillips will pursue this matter with the District Council.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm.