

Needham Market Town Council
Planning Committee – Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 15th November 2021

1. Present: Cllr O'Shea (Chairperson), Cllr Annis, Cllr Lea, Cllr Stansfield, Cllr Cave.

2. Apologies: Cllr Ost

3. Declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest:

Cllr Annis declared that as an officer of River Gipping Trust he had a non-pecuniary interest in item 5.a of the Agenda DC/21/05596.

4. Dispensations with respect to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

There was a general discussion regarding the detailed meaning and implications of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interests and the necessity and effect of disclosure.

5. To consider Applications for Planning Permission:

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

DC/21/05596 - Planning Application – There was discussion regarding the response sent by NMTC to BMSDC. Cllr O'Shea said that he failed to respond adequately to the application as he had intended to after the Committee meeting of 18th October, but was concerned that the TC response as worded and submitted by the Clerk overemphasised the concerns expressed by the Planning Committee, and believed that the Clerk should have sent a draft of the response to the Committee prior to submission. There was general discussion regarding this, but the majority of the Committee believed that the Clerk has every right to reply to requests for NMTC's opinion in such a way as he believes appropriate and as reflecting his understanding of the likely view of Committee members and residents of the town.

DC/21/05590 – The Committee confirmed no objection.

DC/21/05748 – The Committee confirmed no objection.

DC/21/02927 – application for approval of reserved matters, 64 Dwellings with access from Stowmarket Road and 2 dwellings with access from Hill House Lane.

The Committee looked at drawings of typical house types and have no objections.

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

None

APPLICATION IN HAND BUT NOT LISTED WITH THE PLANNING SCHEDULE

DC/21/05995 – Erection of 2no floodlights for proposed skatepark and 4no floodlights for new Multi Use Games Area, Crowley Park Playing Field. Application made by MNMTC.

The Committee looked at the drawings noting the height and direction of the floodlights and raised no objection.

Alcohol Display and Sale Licence Application.

64-66 High Street, Needham Market.

Item for information only.

DC/21/06199 – Extension and Renovation of Crowley Park Pavilion and Clubhouse, Barretts Lane. Made by NMTC. The Application was received on the day of the Committee Meeting and the drawings were studied. The Committee wished to support the application

6. To consider the implications of further delay in the BMSDC Local Plan and potential impact on the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan.

All attendants had seen the Zoom replay of the Local Plan discussion with the inspector and the likely long delay before the Plan comes into place and are concerned that this could have a delaying effect

upon implementing the Neighbourhood Plan. It was therefore agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should go ahead As Soon As Possible.

7. To consider the response to the BMSDC Draft Housing Land Supply Position Statement Consultation.

The deadline for submitting our comments is 17th December 2021. Cllr Ost had prepared an assessment of the existing situation regarding number of units scheduled to be completed from 2021 to 2026 but there are likely more to appear and, what with the poor performance of BMSDC regarding the non-completion of the Local Plan, it is likely that we will have a number of further Planning Applications for residential development made within this period. It is for this reason that the Neighbourhood Plan should go ahead as soon as possible, thus providing justified reasons why development applications should incorporate N Plan requirements including the siting of the Relief Road, where appropriate.

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

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The meeting finished at 8pm.