

HADLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee
held on 11th January 2018

Present: Councillors: Angland, (Chair), Byrne, Cook, Free, Haines, Haylock, Matthews, Monks, Shearly-Sanders, Sheldrick, Wilson and Young

56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors: Whiting and Wiltshire for personal reasons. These apologies were accepted.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

58. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 7th December 2017, a copy of which is included in the Minute Book, was confirmed as a correct record and signed.

59. MATTERS ARISING

The Chair advised that since being asked from November 2017 Simon Baily of Babergh District Council had provided a response on the garage at the rear of the Royal Bengal which stated 'prosecution materials have been sent to colleagues in our legal team for information to be laid with the courts'. Councillor Haylock stated that the court could only submit a fine as it had no powers to enforce removal.

60. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

The Committee considered the applications for Planning Consent, details of which are listed below and upon which the following decisions were reached:-

DC/17/05779 Seymour House, Angel Street
Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act (B/17/00935) for variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents)
Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)

DC/17/05841 43 Benton Street
Application for Listed Building Consent – Repair front door surround
Approval was recommended (Voting was 9 for and 2 abstentions)
This decision was made providing work is in keeping as there were no
documents to view on line when making the decision.

DC/17/05847 Capitol Stud Farm, Pond Hall Road
Barn conversion to form residential dwelling
Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)
A request was made that the comments made about bats are taken
onboard

DC/17/05993 The Moorings, Ipswich Road
Erection of a two storey, three bedroom dwelling. Existing single storey
dwelling to be retained as ancillary building
Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)

DC/17/05997 12 Ramsey Road
Erection of side and rear extensions, front porch and garage
conversion. Erection of rear conservatory
Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)

DC/17/06059 19 Angel Street
Erection of two storey rear extension and granny annexe
Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)

DC/17/06196 40 George Street
Notification of works to trees in a Conservation Area – 1no. Scots Pine
(T1) – Reduce longer overextended side branches and thin top on:
1no. Scots Pine (T2) – remove lower branch on right hand side, reduce
lower left hand branch by 4m, reduce overhang to the rear and thin out
top on; 1no. Hazel (T3) – Coppice.
This application was noted.

DC/17/06199 1 Duke Street
Listed Building Application. Insertion of an internal door (including
some strengthening works) and internal plastering.
Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)

Additional applications:

DC/18/00086 90 Benton Street
Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – Reduce by two
and a half metres back to cutting points group of Hornbeam trees, re-
pollard by 50% 1 no. Fig tree, reduce by 2m in height and trim 1 no. Bay
tree, reduce by one and a half metres in height 1 no. Acacia and reduce
by 30% 1 no. Silver Birch.
This application was noted.

DC/18/00022 97-99 High Street
Renovation of outbuilding, including new external buttresses
Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)
The Committee endorsed Dr. Duck's document which raised concerns about noise from the workshop once occupied.

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DC/18/05866 8 Dunton Grove
Erection of first floor extension
Approval was recommended (Voting was unanimous)

61. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

The Committee noted the Schedule of Decisions of the Local Planning Authority, details of which are listed in the Schedule attached to these Minutes.

62. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reported an e.mail received from a resident regarding the application for 125 High Street raising concerns over windows not on the plan. Advice had been given that this application had already been dealt with by this Committee and to deal with Babergh District Council direct.

Councillor Byrne reported on:

- i) rubbish and bonfires being lit on land at 7 Bridge Street.
- ii) Centenary commemoration ideas for items around the town which may require Town Council permission
- iii) Patrick Taylor is working on a Local List which may require a budget bid for a grant and a meeting may be needed.

The Clerk advised that the planning application for the cemetery had been granted and read the following comment from the decision notice: The proposed amendments to the site levels and contours are considered appropriate in this context and are an acceptable minor material alteration to those previously approved.

Councillor Young asked the Clerk if the Planning Department of Babergh District Council had seen all the documentation. She was advised that they had been provided with all the documentation required.

Councillor Cook reported on the number of hanging signs in the High Street and wondered why all the signage does not require planning applications to be submitted.

Councillor Wilson asked about funding planning decisions by judicial review. The Clerk reported LCPAS advice. Councillor Shearly-Sanders offered to investigate where other Councils have funded and provide a list to the Clerk.

The Chair reported figures of planning applications where the applicant has requested pre-application advice before and after the charging system had been implemented.

For the period 30th June 2016 to 13th April 2017 – planning applications submitted totalled 97 – of those 52 had taken pre-application advice.

For the period 8th June 2017 to 7th December 2017 – planning applications submitted totalled 74 – of those 6 had taken pre-application advice.

It would appear from these figures that charging for pre-application advice had reduced requests made.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN