

DISS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Sub-Committee** held in the **Council Chamber** at **Diss Corn Hall** on **Wednesday 20th November 2024** at **6.30pm**.

Present: Councillors A. Goulder (Vice-Chair), R. Peaty, E. Taylor (Chair), J. Welch

In attendance: Sarah Villafuerte-Richards (Town Clerk/CEO)

PL1124/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received and accepted from Councillors Kitchen and Olander.

PL1124/02 NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Sinfield substituted for councillor Kitchen.

PL1124/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

PL1124/04 MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 9th October 2024. It was

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 9th October 2024 as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.
(Action: Town Clerk/CEO: immediately)

PL1124/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of public present.

PL1124/06 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

PL1124/07 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS

Members received and commented on planning applications and other development control matters.

Reference planning applications 2024/2751 & 2024/2752. The full Design and Planning statement describes the proposed changes very well and contains several photographs which show the poor internal condition and illustrate the need for a great deal of remedial work. It is one of best applications recently reviewed.

Material loss to business – café, which could be used to reject application. There is support to retain the shop and renovate the building as it brings another resident on to the High Street. The rear is currently dilapidated and next to the Mere.

The removal of the staircase is affecting viability. DM2.2 policy – space will be reduced for business. If the application is turned down and loses renovation it will leave the building remaining empty.

Reference planning application 2024/2899. Located in an area of residential properties with TW Gaze as the only nearby commercial property. The site is out of town with chances of getting employment use low. It is in the middle of modern housing. The downstairs property hasn't been vacant for three months whilst the upstairs has been vacant for a while. There was a previous application in June for two dormer windows in the rear roof. The application was withdrawn when the conservation officer didn't approve the dormer windows, this was the only objection by them. Now they have been removed it should satisfy the conditions.

There is merit in the application and one we should support. There will be adequate parking provision.

Application No.	Type	Address	Proposal	Response
2024/2751 & 2024/2752	Full Planning Permission / Listed Building Consent	44 Mere Street Diss Norfolk IP22 4AG	Change of use from shop into dual use with shop at front of ground floor and self-contained 2 bed flat to rear. Internal structural and cosmetic changes and rear single storey mono-pitched extension removed and replaced with new flat roof rear extension, with removal and replacement of windows to rear elevation of existing 2 storey extension.	RECOMMEND APPROVAL Delegate to officer and recommend that the application be approved. Parking should be provided for both residents and the business staff at the rear of the premises.
2024/2899	Prior Notification - Class E to Residential	The Old Cherry Tree 8 Roydon Road, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4LN	Prior approval under class MA for change of use of offices (class E) to three residential dwellings (class C3).	RECOMMEND APPROVAL Delegate to officer with a recommendation that the prior approval application be approved.

PL1124/08 SOUTH NORFOLK PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the planning decisions made by the Planning Authority since the last meeting.

PL1124/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that Planning Committee meetings will precede scheduled committee dates should applications require committee consideration.

Meeting closed at: 7:01pm.

Councillor Taylor
CHAIR