

DISS TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Corn Hall on Wednesday 23rd October 2019 at 6.45pm.

Present: Councillors S. Browne (ex-officio)
J. Robertson
S. Olander (ex-officio)
E. Taylor (Chair)
M. Gingell

In attendance: Sarah Richards (Town Clerk)

PL1019/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mason and Poulter.

PL1019/02 NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES

There were none.

PL1019/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

PL1019/04 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee held on 9th October 2019 were a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

PL1019/05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

PL1019/06 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were none.

PL1019/07 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MATTERS

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

Application 2019/1994 relates to a change of use to residential at the Grasmere site on Denmark Street. It was noted that no external changes are proposed with only minor changes to the room layout internally. There was discussion about the requirement for the change of use application given a previous application for the same site in 2009 for 14 flats and it was agreed that the application had possibly lapsed. It was agreed that there was sufficient parking and that there are no grounds to object to the application.

Application 2019/1644 relates to the demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to three dwellings and associated works at the former Bethel Chapel site on Victoria Road. This application has been amended from three to two dwellings as recommended on the first application. Previously members felt that the layout should be more parallel to the road and in a formal line with other properties recently constructed rather than the staggered formation shown on the drawing. It was also felt that parking on the front of the nearest property to the main road should be resisted as again it is not in line with properties recently constructed next door and would be an unwelcome addition to the current street scene.

Highways have commented that the current entrance location is satisfactory and that they would not wish to see the entrance moved towards the traffic signals. It was noted that the parking appears to be adequate for two dwellings although the number of bedrooms has not been specified and that the dwellings appear to be small for 3-4 bedrooms. It was agreed that the outline planning application appears to be acceptable providing there is no overlooking of the bungalow next door and consideration is given to positioning the houses parallel to the main road with the parking to the rear to improve the street scene.

App. No./ Type	Applicant/ Address	Proposal	Recommendation
2019/1994	Mr Chris Burnard, Grasmere, Denmark St, Diss, IP22 4LE	Change of use to residential	RECOMMEND APPROVAL This application appears to be acceptable and is suitable for decision by Officers under delegated powers.
2019/1644	Fellowship of Evan, Former Bethel Chapel, Victoria Rd, Diss	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to three dwellings and associated works (with all matters reserved except access).	RECOMMEND APPROVAL This application appears to be acceptable and is suitable for decision by Officers under delegated powers with a recommendation that the houses are positioned parallel to the main road in line with the existing housing with the parking positioned to the rear. It was felt that parking on the front of the nearest property to the main road should be resisted as it is not in line with properties recently constructed next door and would be an unwelcome addition to the current street scene.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting closed at 7pm.

Councillor E. Taylor
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN