



Saxmundham Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Development Control Committee held on
7th January 2025 at 4:00 pm at the Town House, Station Approach, Saxmundham

Minutes

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Attendees

Cllr John Fisher (Chair)
Cllr Geraldine Barker
Cllr Marianne Kiff

Apologies

None

Also Present

Sharon Smith (Town Clerk)

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Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, other registerable interest, or non-registerable interest.

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Open Forum

None.

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Minutes

It was **unanimously resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2024 as a true and accurate record.

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Planning Applications

- a) The Committee considered planning application DC/24/4399/FUL - Installation of new and replacement plant - Waitrose Supermarket, Church Street. It was **unanimously resolved** there were no objections.
- b) The Committee considered planning application DC/24/4364/FUL – Proposed change of use to create 1 new holiday let – Block B Saxmundham Library, Saxmundham Hub, Street Farm Road. It was **unanimously resolved** to support the application as it brings back into use a derelict building which will improve the character of the area. Furthermore, the change of use to create holiday accommodation may support the town’s businesses and amenities and ease the tourist accommodation shortage resulting from the influx of energy projects’ workers.
- c) The Committee considered planning application DC/24/4367/FUL – Change of use from agricultural land to dog walking and exercise facility and formation of vehicular access – Agricultural land between River Fromus and B1121. It was **unanimously resolved** there were no objections.
- d) The Committee considered planning application DC/24/3985/FUL - To replace the existing plastic mesh surface of the car park with permeable asphalt and edging curbs to the sides, to better delineate the edge and protect ancient gravestones. Low level bollard lighting will also be provided to the corners abutting the graveyard - St John The Baptist Church, Church Street. It was

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unanimously resolved to support the application as it will improve the visual amenity of the area, protect the heritage assets, and improve accessibility and safety.

57/24PD Planning Constitution Changes

The Committee noted the correspondence from East Suffolk Council regarding changes which affect responses to planning applications which are objected to or supported. The Constitution has been amended to add the words 'material planning considerations' within the trigger points in the Scheme of Delegation. This means that if the 'minded to' decision of the Planning Officer is contrary to either the material planning considerations received from the Town Council, Ward Member or other statutory consultee the application will then be triggered for consideration by the ESC Referral Panel. A response of 'no objection' to an application remains neutral and need not be accompanied by material planning considerations.

58/24PD Planning Enforcement Report

The Committee received an update about matters previously reported to East Suffolk Council.

The meeting closed at 5:15 pm.

Sharon Smith
Town Clerk

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