

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 4th April 2022 at Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon
at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr B Brabbs (Chair), Cllr S Annear, Cllr J Lloyd-Blackwell, Cllr V Lukaniuk,
Cllr D Moore, Cllr N Vant, Cllr P Wittam, Mr G Cock – Town Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr L Atkins

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr V Lukaniuk – Non-pecuniary interest re planning application DC/22/0362/FUL.

3. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES of Planning Committee Meeting
of 7th March 2022.

Proposer: Cllr N Vant

Seconder: Cllr B Brabbs

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/183/04/Apr/22**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 5 for, 2 unable to vote.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2022 BE
APPROVED.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 LIST OF APPLICATIONS FROM: 7/3/22 TO: 4/4/22

DC/22/0362/FUL

Planning Application - IES Breckland, Crown Street, Brandon
Installation of 3G grass pitch with associated fencing, flood lighting,
hardstanding areas and storage.

Cllr Brabbs asked Cllr Lukaniuk if he should make an entry in the interest book prior to the subject being discussed as, he was aware that Cllr Lukaniuk had made a donation to the initial costs. Cllr Lukaniuk said he had made a donation and would make an entry in the interest book. It was agreed that the donation was a non-pecuniary interest and therefore Cllr Lukaniuk could take part in the discussion, but he would not vote.

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Cllr Lukaniuk noted that some complaints from local residents in Seymour Avenue and Woodlands Rise had been received regarding the light pollution. He further stated that comprehensive studies had been carried out regarding the lighting and other perceived issues associated with the installation of the facility.

Cllr Wittam stated that he supported everything that Cllr Lukaniuk had said and further added that Brandon should have the best possible facilities in our schools.

Cllr Brabbs reminded the committee that the area under consideration was for many years the town tip and there are still methane exhaust points installed on the site. He also made the point that the adjoining houses may suffer from noise pollution at a time when children are being put to bed.

Cllr Vant stated that he had significant concerns regarding the floodlighting.

Cllr Moore remarked that the columns at fifteen metres in his opinion would create a nuisance both by the lighting and the noise pollution.

Cllr Lloyd-Blackwell also stated concern regarding the issue of the floodlighting but also raised the issue of the lack of parking on site. The meeting proceeded to a vote.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Seconder: Cllr B Brabbs

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/184/04/Apr/22**

FAILED: By majority vote: 3 for, 3 against, 1 unable to vote.

Casting vote – against – **OBJECT**

DC/22/0408/HH

Planning Application – 95 London Road, Brandon

Installation of dropped kerb and off-street parking in front garden.

Cllr Wittam opened the debate by stating that there were other installations nearby so he posed the question, ‘why not.’ Cllr Brabbs replied, ‘why should they.’ He continued to inform the committee that the nearby entrance had been installed when that was a doctor’s premises and this had been continued historically by Suffolk Highways. Cllr Brabbs also informed the committee that the property along with other adjacent properties did have a rear access.

A general discussion took place regarding the suitability of the installation close to traffic lights and ensuing cars tailed back.

Cllr Lukaniuk stated he was all for taking cars off highways and would support the application. A vote was called following the debate.

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/185/04/Apr/22**

FAILED: By majority vote: 2 for, 4 against, 1 abstention – **OBJECT**

5.2 ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS – AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Wittam queried why he had been sent multiple copies of the agenda and minutes which he felt was a failing of the staff at OSH. The Clerk stated that he would investigate the matter and reply to all committee members at the earliest possible juncture.

Cllr Lukaniuk asked if the Clerk could enquire of West Suffolk what was causing the delay on the bingo hall site. Cllr Wittam stated he had had a meeting with the developer and had been informed that West Suffolk were waiting on new planning guidelines. The Clerk stated he would write to the Principal Planning Officer to gain more information and would copy the members of the planning committee with any reply.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

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