

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 3rd July 2023 at Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon
at 12.00pm

Present: Cllr G Brocklehurst (Chair), Cllr H Kostecki, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Cllr T Nolan,
Cllr P Wittam, Cllr N Siebert, Mrs J Prior – Media Coordinator

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES of Planning Committee Meeting
of 5th June 2023.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Seconder: Cllr H Kostecki

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/29/03/Jul/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2023 BE APPROVED.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 LIST OF APPLICATIONS FROM: 5/6/23 TO: 3/7/23

DC/23/0875/HH

Planning Application – 58 Elizabeth Road, Brandon

Replacement roof to existing extension, replacement windows and doors to existing extension and infill of window to rear elevation.

Cllr Brocklehurst gave an overview of the planning application. Cllr Lukaniuk stated there were no objections from neighbours to the application and commented it was quite straightforward and he supported the application. Cllr Wittam agreed with Cllr Lukaniuk as did Cllr Brocklehurst. A vote ensued.

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/30/03/Jul/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous – **SUPPORT**

Signed.....

DC/23/0766/TPO

Re-consultation – 25 Bracken Rise, Brandon

One Scots Pine - remove down swept lateral limb touching gutters back to parent stem, reduce recurved “hazard beam” limb on west back to first bend, crown lift pendulous branches to 3 metres above ground level. One Scots Pine - reduce leading stem by 1.5m back into natural crown outline, crown lift pendulous branches to 3 meters above ground level. One Beech crown raise up to 3 metres above ground level. Cllr Wittam opened the discussion and stated he supported the planning application and that the tree officer from West Suffolk Council would look at the trees in question. Cllr Lukaniuk also supported the application. A vote took place.

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/31/03/Jul/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous – **SUPPORT**

DC/23/0854/TPO

Planning Application – 8 Pheasant Way, Brandon

TPO order – works to the rooting area of one Oak tree to create a parking area, including digging off the top layer of soil by hand, installation of a membrane and plastic paving grids and backfilling with gravel to create the finish levels.

Cllr Lukaniuk stated he supported the application. Cllr Brocklehurst commented to leave it to the experts at West Suffolk Council. A vote then ensued.

Proposer: Cllr T Nolan

Seconder: Cllr H Kostecki

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/32/03/Jul/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous – **SUPPORT**

Cllr Lukaniuk thanked Cllr Siebert for her attendance today. Cllr Wittam had recently undergone surgery and it was thought she may have needed to be a substitute in his absence.

DC/23/0914/HH

Planning Application – 24 Coronation Place, Brandon

Single storey rear extension.

Cllr Lukaniuk stated it was a simple extension and there had been no complaints from neighbours and he supported the application. A vote took place.

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Seconder: Cllr T Nolan

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/33/03/Jul/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous – **SUPPORT**

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DC/23/0904/TPO

Planning Application – 47 Rowan Drive, Brandon
One Oak – fell.

Cllr Brocklehurst stated that the applicant has a number of trees in his garden with a TPO that he is having to resolve one at a time and that he supported the application. A vote ensued.

Proposer: Cllr G Brocklehurst

Seconder: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/34/03/Jul/23**

CARRIED: Unanimous – **SUPPORT**

DC/23/0913/VAR

Planning Application – Land off road from B1112 to A1065 Wangford, Suffolk
Variation of condition 1 of DC/19/0425/FUL to allow the compound to remain operational and in-place for an extended period of two years to June 2025.

Cllr Wittam recapped on the original application which was for the area to be used as a holding station before checking into the base to prevent traffic build up. He also understood that the original application was from KVF in conjunction with the Ministry of Defence, the new application appears to be from a new company which seems to have taken over the site and appear to be misusing it and lots of machinery has now been moved onto the site. Cllr Wittam was totally against the application and stated it would be a travesty if it went ahead as it meant they would be there forever. He further stated he would be contacting the Enforcement Officer.

A member of the public entered the Council Chamber at 12:10pm demanding to know why the meeting wasn't being live streamed as he had phoned the office earlier to check as he was interested in some of the planning applications. The Chairman suspended the meeting until the issue was dealt with. There was a heated discussion about the reasons for not notifying the public that the meeting wouldn't be live streamed. Cllr Wittam informed the member of the public that if he didn't leave, he would call the police. The member of the public then left the meeting and the police were then called. The meeting was reconvened at 12.25pm.

Cllr Brocklehurst suggested the application should be for a change of use as the application for extension doesn't appear to comply with the original application and the terms granted. He further questioned why part of the ecological survey had been redacted. Cllr Lukaniuk commented that one of the original conditions stated that the fencing would be painted (green) which has not been undertaken. Cllr Lukaniuk stated that at a meeting with Natural England we were promised after four years the site would revert back to its original state, he also produced some evidence from the E.D.P. of R J Holbrook applying for a goods vehicle licence for the site. Cllr Nolan also questioned why part of the Ecological survey had been redacted and was concerned that there appears to be a change of use which he suggested would break the original agreement especially as the original consent had now expired.

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As the application appears to be for RJ Holbrook to operate the site Cllr Nolan is concerned about the increase of heavy goods vehicles between the Wangford site and the site R J Holbrook currently have in Brandon. A vote then took place.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam
Seconder: Cllr H Kostecki
Resolution Record No: **BTCP/35/03/Jul/23**
FAILED: Unanimous – **OBJECT**

5.2 ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

None.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of Appeal – Mr G’s Bowling Alley, 4-6 Market Hill, Brandon - No further comments need to be made as the planning committee still supports the application.

Notice of Enquiry - 17 High Street, Brandon – information was received.

Notice of Appeal – 222 London Road – information was received.

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

A discussion took place about live streaming the planning meetings. Cllr Brocklehurst commented that there had been a suggestion to live stream but a decision made today by the Chair of Brandon Town Council was not to. Cllr Lukaniuk commented, Cllr Wittam had made the decision not to live stream the planning meeting last week and that historically there have rarely been members of the public at the planning meetings. Councillor’s Wittam and Lukaniuk stated there was no legal obligation to live stream meetings and that he made the decision not to. Cllr Kostecki suggested that we should have notified the public that we were not going to be live streaming the meeting. Cllr Brocklehurst didn’t think the meetings should be live streamed on social media but to be placed on the Brandon Town Council website. A further discussion took place about the filming of planning meetings and putting them on the website after the meeting had taken place.

The discussion resulted in Cllr Lukaniuk and Cllr Wittam being against live streaming, Cllr Nolan and Cllr Kostecki were for the meeting to be shown on the website. Cllr Wittam then agreed to allow the meeting to be shown on the website. Cllr Brocklehurst then cast his vote for the meeting to be shown on the website.

The meeting closed at 1.02pm

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