

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 7th February 2022 at Old School House, Market Hill, Brandon
at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr B Brabbs (Chair), Cllr S Annear, Cllr L Atkins, 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

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES of Planning Committee Meeting
of 6th December 2021.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Seconder: Cllr N Vant

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/149/07/Feb/22**

CARRIED: By majority vote: 6 for, 2 unable to vote.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2021 BE
APPROVED.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Three members of the public attended the meeting. A resident expressed their concern regarding the proposed development at Brandon Cottage. They brought before Council the issue of the lack of pedestrian paving through which the additional traffic would have to pass. They noted that the noise survey included in the development application had been carried out just prior to 4th July, at which time there is little aircraft movements and is not a reliable indication. The development shows a cycle way proposed which would duplicate an existing serviceable cycle way which is in keeping with the environment. They also expressed concern regarding the amount of mature trees that are proposed to be felled to accommodate the development plans.

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5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 LIST OF APPLICATIONS FROM: 6/12/21 TO: 7/2/22

DC/21/2503/OUT

Planning Application – Brandon Cottage, Rattlers Road, Brandon
Outline planning (means of access to be considered) – six dwellings with vehicular and pedestrian access.

Cllr Lukaniuk stated that in 2020 Brandon Town Council supported the application for the development for six dwellings. He gave a short-potted history of Brandon Cottage finally stating that Brandon needs new houses but the final decision would be made by West Suffolk. Cllr Moore observed that the access in Walton Way was extremely tight and is concerned for pedestrians due to the lack of pavements. He does not object to the houses but the access must be resolved. Cllr Wittam fully supports the application. He has looked at the development and stated it is an ideal development. He is whole heartedly in favour. Cllr Brabbs visited the area and noted the lack of footpath, cars were parked on the grass verge and people were walking in the road. He further informed the committee that he believed the developers of Walton Way had retained the required access for the development in Brandon Cottage. He did not believe that this had been resolved. He noted that there was considerable problems parking in the evening. Cllr Vant stated that attempting to drive construction vehicles through Walton Way would prove to be interesting. Cllr Wittam added that construction traffic access was not a planning consideration. The problem being the hooligan drivers that speed and drive recklessly in residential estates. Cllr Lukaniuk stated that this was only a temporary issue. The resident of Walton Way interjected to correct Cllr Wittam in that he was not aware of hooligan and reckless drivers in Walton Way, the majority being considerate drivers. Cllr Brabbs requested a named vote.

For: Cllr Lukaniuk, Cllr Wittam

Against: Cllr Brabbs, Cllr Annear, Cllr Atkins, Cllr Lloyd-Blackwell, Cllr Moore, Cllr Vant

Proposer: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Secunder: Cllr P Wittam

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/150/07/Feb/22**

FAILED: By majority vote: 2 for, 6 against - **OBJECT**

DC/22/0059/TCA

Planning Application – Riverside Lodge, 78 High Street, Brandon
Felling of single tree and crown reduction of six others.

Cllr Wittam stated that is was not that Brandon lacked trees and supported the application. Cllr Brabbs felt this was consistent with other applications.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Secunder: Cllr V Lukaniuk

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/151/07/Feb/22**

CARRIED: Unanimous - **SUPPORT**

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DC/22/0136/HH

Planning Application – 74D London Road, Brandon
Re-building wall taken down due to its dangerous nature.

Cllr Wittam noted that the original materials had been retained and supported the application. Cllr Lukaniuk stated he did not understand why rebuilding a wall using original materials required planning permission. Cllr Vant informed Cllr Lukaniuk that the planning permission was required due to the wall being of different dimensions and design.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Seconder: Cllr N Vant

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/152/07/Feb/22**

CARRIED: Unanimous - **SUPPORT**

5.2 ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

DC/22/0127/HH

Planning Application – 7 Mile End, Brandon
Householder application – replacement garage and roof.

Cllr Lukaniuk described the location and short history of the property as it had lain unoccupied for a number of years. Cllr Wittam stated this was a logical extension to the property and would allow larger families to be housed. Cllr Vant stated that he noted no adjoining neighbours had raised any objections to the development.

Proposer: Cllr P Wittam

Seconder: Cllr N Vant

Resolution Record No: **BTCP/153/07/Feb/22**

CARRIED: Unanimous - **SUPPORT**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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

Cllr Wittam raised the question of the Stone Curlew which plagued developments in Brandon. With the elimination of the EU laws which the UK had subscribed to Brandon Town Council should write to our local MP and West Suffolk to raise the anomalies created by the planning procedure. Cllr Lukaniuk added that Brandon residents can cohabit with local wildlife. A general discussion ensued with the Clerk to write to the planning department at West Suffolk.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

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