

Needham Market Town Council

Planning Committee

6th March 2023

Attendees: Cllrs. O'Shea Chair, Lea, Cave, Darnell, Stansfield, Annis, Phillips, Lawrence and A. Reardon.

There was one member of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs. Ost, J. Reardon and Price.
2. To receive and approve minutes of last meeting: **Approved**
3. Any declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests by Councillors.
None.

Cllr. Annis declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application **DC/23/00618**
4. To approve any dispensations in declared under Item 3. None of the above.
5. To consider Applications for Planning Permission
 - a) New Applications available at time of the agenda.

DC/22/05794 - Householder Application - Erection of first floor side extension over existing single storey and single storey rear extension - 15 Phillips Crescent Needham Market Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8TF

The application is subject of a further consultation which had a response deadline to 7th March 2023.

The following comment has been submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council in respect of the further consultation:

The Town Council recommends approval of the application subject to:

1. The development should use building materials from sustainable or recycled sources, recyclable, local, self-maintaining and long lasting.
2. The development should include Electric Vehicle charging points for resident users and visitors.
3. The development should be of adaptable design to allow for upgrading/alteration as appropriate and the use of solar panels and other environmentally appropriate energy saving systems.

The Committee believed that the above standard comment/recommendation should be revised so that the matters included within it related specifically to the details of the application. Martin O'Shea to prepare a draft list of matters which could be edited for including in each application.

DC/23/00618 - Application for Works to Trees subject to Tree Preservation Order MS182/T1 - Fell 1No. Walnut (T1) - 4 Lime Tree Close Needham Market Suffolk IP6 8TE

The application had a response deadline to 1st March 2023.

The following comment has been submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council:

Needham Market Town Council objects to the planning application on the following grounds: This tree is of substantial size and age and there are few such trees in the immediate area and for these reasons it is likely that the listing occurred and also why the current application should be refused. The tree is considerably older than the conservatory which is suffering from foundation failure and this should have been taken into account when the foundations were designed. The poor advice that a building owner is given should not be used to justify felling of a listed tree.

Cllr. Annis declared that he believed the tree in question, which has been the subject of a number of applications over the years, made an unacceptable impact on adjacent residential properties with the tree representing danger to surrounding buildings and significant overshadowing to houses and gardens. He further believed that substantial pruning would likely result in killing the tree.

DC/23/00877 - Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of replacement signage to include 1No double sided pictorial sign using exiting bracket, one set of individual letters on locators, 1No Car Park Sign, 1No Amenity Road sign, 1No Door Plaque and refurbish and retain lantern and door plaques including repainting exterior - The Swan 9 High Street Needham Market Ipswich Suffolk IP6 8AL

The application has a response deadline to 15th March 2023.

The Committee commented that they believed that the change of colour of the exterior of the building should require Listed Building Consent and were concerned that this redecoration work had gone ahead prior to any Listed Building Consent being granted. They thought that the proposed pictorial sign was a poor replacement to the existing sign which was a skilful representation of a swan. The proposed sign shows a small and contemporary symbol of a swan with contemporary lettering with the sign simply stating THE SWAN (and below) NEEDHAM. There is already a town named NEEDHAM and we believe that if the sign is to use the name of the town this should be NEEDHAM MARKET. The application as it stands would therefore be REFUSED.

6. Items from the Town Clerk. None

7. To progress the Needham Market Neighbourhood Plan Review Group.

Any revisions to the Plan will not now be considered until after the local elections in May.

Additional Matter

It was pointed out that due to the period needed for manufacturing the proposed plaque to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles 3rd a decision would need to be made concerning wording and location. The matter of a plaque celebrating the reign of Queen Elizabeth 2nd was also raised. There was substantial discussion and Cllr. A. Reardon said that they would email a proposed note highlighting the decisions reached with related timescale.

The meeting Closed at 8.00pm.