

DOWNHAM MARKET TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

1 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 5.30PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

	Present Cllrs: Daymond, Leach, Lewis, Incorvaia Tina Griffin Administrator
Number	Item
1	To receive Members' Apologies for Absence – Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Lawson and Moyses
2	To receive Members' Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	To approve the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee 20 October 2022 Proposed Cllr Lewis Seconded Cllr Leach All in favour 'That the minutes of the meeting of 20 October 2022 be approved'
4	Public Participation – no members of the public present.
5	To discuss and agree Council response to applications received from the Borough Council/Norfolk County Council: 22/00890/F Change of use from vacant land to garden/residential land and erection of fence. At 2 Primrose Avenue Downham Market Norfolk PE38 9EU Proposed: Cllr Daymond Seconded: Cllr Lewis All in favour 'That this application be recommended for approval'
6	To note application decisions made by the Borough Council/Norfolk County Council (previously circulated) Cllrs confirmed these had been read and noted. The details of the Borough Planning Committee to be held on 7.11.22 were noted.
7	To discuss the Examination of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Local Plan Review: Publication of Main Inspector's Questions and announcement of examination hearing dates Cllr Daymond ran through the Local Plan Review timetable and the examination process previously circulated. He emphasised the importance of monitoring the allocations for Downham Market, and raised an issue where land had previously been allocated as residential, but is now being considered for commercial purposes.

	The Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Pre-submission Stage document showing the proposed mineral extraction sites, was received for information.
8	<p>To update on Environmental remit of the committee and agree actions</p> <p>A list of topics which were being worked on by the previous Environment Strategy Group was reviewed. It was noted that the reinstatement of the water fountain on the Town Square has recently been achieved.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that whilst all the initiatives were laudable, other Council pressures and staff capacity restricts what is currently achievable. It was agreed that sustainability be one element to be taken into consideration in purchasing decisions, and environmental improvements be identified in the normal course of Council business, to be evaluated alongside other factors.</p>
9	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Mini Planning Committee 24 November 2022 5.30pm Planning & Environment Committee 6 December 2022 5.30pm</p> <p>Meeting ended: 6.20pm</p>
	<p>Signed</p> <p>Dated</p>