# **DOWNHAM MARKET PLANNING COMMITTEE**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2024 AT 6:00PM

## In the Town Council Offices, 15 Paradise Road, Downham Market, PE38 9HS

	Present Cllrs Daymond (Chair), Leach, Wiles, Brewer, Westrop
	Jo Andrews, Administrator
	Members were reminded of the fire exits/muster point and asked to turn mobile phones to silent.
Item	
1	To receive Members' Apologies for Absence
	Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr Lewis.
	The apology was accepted.
	No apologies were received from Cllr Moyses and Cllr Tawfick.
2	To receive Members' Declarations of Interest
	None declared.
3	To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 16 January 2024
	Proposed Cllr Daymond Seconded Cllr Wiles 4 in favour, 1 Abstention
	'That the minutes for the meeting held on 16 January 2024 be approved as a true record of the meeting.'
4	Public participation – 15 minutes allowed
	A member of the pubic who is a resident of Priory Terrace raised the following concerns regarding the construction of two new residential dwellings together with the relocation of the vehicular entrance through the west facing boundary at land West Side of Priory Terrace, Downham Market, Norfolk.
	<ul> <li>Safety of pedestrians who walk and use mobility scooters through Priory Terrace.</li> <li>The tight turning room for vehicles and the importance of the wall as a conservation feature not being removed to create more room.</li> <li>Overdevelopment and loss of open space in a conservation area.</li> <li>That the proposed dwellings are not in keeping with buildings in the immediate area.</li> </ul>

- Due to lack of space, during the construction phase materials may take up room needed for residents and emergency vehicle access.

### To discuss and agree Council response to applications received from the Borough Council

The chair agreed to bring 23/01896/F forward on the agenda.

#### 23/01896/F

Construction of two new residential dwellings together with the relocation of the vehicular entrance through the west facing boundary at land West Side of Priory Terrace, Downham Market, Norfolk.

**Proposed** Cllr Daymond

**Seconded** Cllr Westrop

All in favour

'That application 23/01896/F be recommended for refusal due to concerns that surface water will end up in the foul water drainage. It was noted that the Environmental Agency have no objections, but local knowledge of the lack of surface water drainage means they should revisit their decision. In addition, the councillors share the same concerns already raised by the Conservation Team and Highways. It is noted that the land is East Side of Priory Terrace.'

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#### 24/00029/F

Change of use from beauty salon to holiday let/Airbnb at Vacant 21 Paradise Road, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9HS.

**Proposed** Cllr Wiles

**Seconded** Cllr Daymond

All in favour

'That application 24/00029/F be recommended for approval, however, Councillors would request that drainage be diverted below the surface of the footpath'

#### 23/01744/0

For information Application withdrawn 23/01744/O:

Proposed 3 No four Bedroom, two storey dwellings at Land South of 119 London Road, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9AT.

The withdrawal of this application was noted by the committee.

To note application decisions made by the Borough Council/Norfolk County Council (previously circulated) and update on application matters previously raised with them

Cllrs confirmed that the weekly decisions list had been received and noted.

#### 112a Bexwell Road

The Council has received a complaint regarding construction damage to the verges outside 112a Bexwell Road. We are advised that no planning conditions exist to control the effect on

the site's surroundings and therefore there are no reasons for Planning Enforcement to take action. The matter has been reported to NCC Highways and a response is awaited. Cllrs expressed disappointment that the Planning Officer is unable to do more. The Clerk agree to liaise with BCKLWN on the matter. Ivy House Railway Road It was reported that a complaint regarding the development on Ivy House Railway Road on health and safety grounds was reported to the Borough H&S Officer who has then facilitated the report to HSE. A response is awaited. **Fairfield Road development** The Fairfield Road development street name consultation had previously been circulated to the Councillors and a vote was taken on the response to be made. **Seconded** Cllr Wiles All in favour **Proposed** Cllr Daymond 'That the Councillors disagree with the name Sandpiper Way as we do not have Sandpipers in the area. The Councillors suggest the street name 'Fairfield Close' which would provide continuity, is more in keeping for the extension of the Fairfield Road development and easier to navigate for Emergency Vehicles.' 7 Date of next meeting - 13 February 2024 The Chair thanked all who attended for their due diligence and attention and closed the meeting at: 6.39pm **SIGNED** DATE