

DOWNHAM MARKET PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 AUGUST 2023 AT 6:00PM
In the Town Council Offices, 15 Paradise Road, Downham Market PE38 9HS

	Present Cllrs Daymond (Chair), Brewer, Leach, Lewis, Moyses, Tawfick, Westrop, Wiles Tina Griffin, Deputy Clerk Jo Andrews, Administrator
Item	
1	To receive Members' Apologies for Absence No absences.
2	To receive Members' Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.
3	Public participation – 15 minutes allowed No members of the public were present. Justin Lewis speaking as a member of the public wanted to record thanks to Anglia Water for completing the laying of the water pipe under the Bexwell roundabout with minimal disturbance to the public.
4	To discuss and agree Council response to applications received from the Borough Council 23/01363/F Extensions and Alterations to dwelling at Bardolph House, 57 Bexwell Road, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9LH Proposed: Cllr Daymond Seconded: Cllr Lewis 5 in favour, 3 Against "That application 23/01363/F be recommended for approval but that it is referred to the Conservation Officer for comment." <hr/> 23/01479/F Extension and alterations at Nelsonette, 16 Crow Hall Estate, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 0DG Proposed Cllr Daymond Seconded Cllr Wiles All in favour "That application 23/01479/F be recommended for approval" <hr/> Consultation 23/01445/BT Removal of 3 BT payphones Various Locations Within The Borough Proposed Cllr Tawfick Seconded Cllr Daymond All in favour "That the removal of the BT phone on Bridge Street be approved"

5	<p>To discuss Tree Preservation Orders and the removal of trees around town</p> <p>The Chair highlighted that approx. 76 trees have been removed but not replaced in Downham Market. It is his understanding that the Borough Council policy is to replace a tree for every tree removed, however this does not appear to be happening in Downham Market.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Daymond Seconded Cllr Westrop All in favour</p> <p>"That the Borough Council be reminded to abide by their policy of replacing trees as they are removed. The Deputy Clerk is asked to contact the Borough Council Enforcement team with regards the trees removed on the McDonald's development and to also make contact with Defra to request their support."</p>
6	<p>To note application decisions made by the Borough Council/Norfolk County Council (previously circulated).</p> <p>Members confirmed that the weekly decisions had been received and noted.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a SEND school occupying approx. 40% of the vacant Ryston Site owned by the Eastern Learning Alliance Trust. This would leave the remaining approx. 60% for development. The Deputy Clerk has spoken to the Chair of Governors who has confirmed that any money received from sale of the site will be used to specifically benefit Downham Market Academy. It was noted that no plans have been yet been submitted but Councillors wished to record their grave concern regarding development on the site which is in the Conservation area and a consequent need to preserve the existing building.</p>
7	Date of next meeting – 12 September 2023
	Meeting closed: 6.55pm
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