



# Saxmundham Town Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Development Control Committee 4pm on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 in the Town House.

### Councillors:

Cllr John Fisher (Chair)      Cllr Tim Lock  
 Cllr Nigel Hiley              Cllr John Findlay  
 Cllr Di Eastman              ~~Cllr John Findlay~~

**Also Present:** Jenny Morcom (Assistant Town Clerk (ATC)).  
 Mr Ashley Beale, Landlord of the Bell.  
 Mr John Edward, Architect.

### 30/22PD Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Benjamin Gulliford is at work.

### 31/22PD Pecuniary/Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

### 32/22PD Minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The Committee **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
The Chair signed the minutes.

### 33/22PD Open Forum

Mr Beale and Mr Edward described the work to be undertaken at the Bell hotel and answered questions from the Committee members. The size will be increased, and accessibility improved. Hopefully, the Bell will re-open in November/December.

There was also some discussion of how to manage the bins which are currently on the public highway. The Bell is applying for a wedding licence.

### 34/22PD Planning Applications

DC/22/2487/FUL DC/22/2488/LBC	The Bell Hotel 31 High St, IP17 1AF	Alterations to improve accessibility, refurbish dilapidated structure and improve lettable rooms including new fire exit to rear
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The Committee **RESOLVED** to support the application.

A little later in the meeting concern was expressed about the bins on the public highway, however. ATC to add a note that this issue should be further addressed to the Council's positive response to the application.

DC/22/2566/FUL and DC/22/2565/ADN	20 High St, IP17 1DB	Signage above cash machine
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The Committee **RESOLVED** that it had no objections to the application.

### 35/22PD Recent Planning Decisions.

The Committee noted the East Suffolk Council Decisions attached as appendix A

### 36/22PD To consider and recommend responses to the NALC/SALC consultation on the impact of second homes.

The consultation document is a call for evidence to help the government decide whether to introduce a registration scheme for various new types of holiday accommodation. The committee felt that, at present this type of accommodation had negligible impact on Saxmundham but that it could impact on the affordability and availability of housing in the future. The document however asks for views on

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the impact in England as a whole. The committee felt that some sort of light touch registration scheme would be prudent.

**ATC to respond on behalf of the Committee.**

**37/22PD To consider a request from the owners of 2 Albion St for evidence that the Town Council has no objection to their having a dropped curb.**

The Planning Committee noted that the resident must make a planning application to East Suffolk Council as well as an application to Suffolk County Council's Highways Department. The Town Council's Planning Committee will then have an opportunity to comment on the planning application and its comments may be given to the County Council if necessary. It is not within the gift of the Town Council to agree a dropped curb, however.

**ATC to explain the situation to the resident.**

**38/22PD The next meeting of the planning committee will be on 31<sup>st</sup> August at 4pm in the town House**

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

Jennifer Morcom, Assistant Clerk to Saxmundham Town Council  
The Town House, Station Approach, Saxmundham, IP17 1BW

**Appendix A: Recent Decisions by East Suffolk Council**

Planning ref	Application date	Response deadline	Applicant name and site address	Proposal	STC response	ESC decision
DC/22/2683/TCA	12 July 2022	2 August 2022	11 Fairfield Place, IP17 1FH	Re pollard group of limes	P and D 20 July 21 July 22: The town council has no objections	No objections

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