

LONG MELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Planning Committee Meeting MINUTES

Meeting called for: **6:45pm, Thursday 2nd September 2021**

Location: **The Community Centre, Old School, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9DX**

Councillors present: **I. Bartlett, R. Delderfield, J. Ewbank, S. Powell, D. Watts, J. Watts (Chair)**

Councillors absent: **J. Lines, R. Michette, L. Tipper,**

Also attending: **D. Lovelock (Parish Clerk), Two member of the public**

Details of the Planning Applications and Planning Decisions listed in these Minutes can be found by visiting the Babergh District Council website at <https://planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/> and typing the relevant DC reference number into the 'Simple Search' tool.

The Chair opened the meeting at 6:45pm. The following Agenda Items were addressed.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

PL21/09-1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tipper.

PL21/09-2 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest. There were no requests for dispensation.

PL21/09-3 MOTION: Accuracy of Minutes

Resolved, that the Planning Committee confirms the accuracy of the Minutes for its meeting held 5th August 2021.

PL21/09-4 Public Participation

No members of the public spoke at the public participation session.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PL21/09-5 MOTION: Response to Planning Applications Advised by Babergh District Council (BDC)

- i. **DC/21/02791 Gridleys, Spicers Lane, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9JJ**
Planning Application. Change of use, part demolition and refurbishment of existing outbuilding together with the raising of the roof (first floor extension) to create first floor office accommodation.
Resolved, that the Council supports the application.
- ii. **DC/21/04334 Westgate House, Westgate Street, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9DR**
DC/21/04350
Householder Application & Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of a lean-to glasshouse following demolition of lean-to structure (retention of).
Resolved, that the Council supports the application.
- iii. **DC/21/04436 Linden House, Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9JA**
Application for Works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Crown reduce 1No Prunus cerasifera "pissardii" (purple plum) by 2m as tree crown is abutting neighbour's garage roof with threat of potential damage and providing 1m clearance.
Resolved, that the Council supports the application.
- iv. **DC/21/04461 5 High Street, Long Melford, Suffolk, CO10 9DA**
Householder Application - Erection of front porch, side porch, rear extension and demolition of chimney.
Resolved, that the Council supports the application.

- v. **DC/21/04623 Brook House, Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9JQ**
Application for Listed Building Consent - Repairs to external front walls.
Resolved, that the Council supports the application.
- vi. **DC/21/04662 Melford Hall, The Green, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9AA**
Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - Prune back to previous points 1No Aesculus hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut)(T1). Reduce upper limb to east back to elbow where growth goes vertical - target prune 1No Quercus robur (English Oak) (T16) and Reduce limb by 4 metres (back to where it forks into 3 branches). Target prune back to live growth point 1No Quercus robur (English Oak) (T19).
Resolved, that the Council supports the application.

PLANNING DECISIONS

PL21/09-6 The Planning Decisions advised by Babergh District Council as listed in (Appendix 1) were noted.

PLANNING DECISION APPEALS

PL21/09-7 The following Planning Decision Appeal advised by Babergh District Council was noted.

- i. **DC/20/04333 The Smallholding, Sudbury Road, Long Melford, Sudbury Suffolk CO10 9HE**
Planning Application. Erection of 3no two-storey (with attic accommodation) Georgian style dwellings and cart lodges. Renovation and extension of existing property. Appeal Reference: APP/D3505/W/21/3271192 - An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Babergh District Council to refuse permission.
It was agreed that the Council should support the Planning Authority's refusal of the application and object to the appeal. It was further agreed that Mr I. McDonald would draft an appeal response and then present it to Cllrs Ewbank and J. Watts for submission approval on behalf of the Committee.

REPORTS

The following report was received and noted.

PL21/09-8 (1) Bloor Homes Skylark Fields Development Report

Cllr D. Watts presented the Report. The Committee considered it and agreed that he should draft a submission, to be made to the developer and other interested parties, as set out in summary below:

HOUSING MIX FOR OPEN MARKET HOMES

The developer should be pressed to align the mix more closely with BDC's preferred strategic mix, primarily by increasing the number of 2-bedroom properties and decreasing the number of 4-*bedroom properties, and an increase in the number of bungalows. To support this local estate agents should be approached to confirm the village's housing mix need.

HOUSING STYLES

The revised plan provided for two houses with flint/stone detailing; the developer should be asked to increase the number of these.

SUSTAINABILITY

The developer's sustainability proposals should be aspirational rather than merely compliant, particularly as cutting CO₂ emissions was now a key Government issue. The developer should be asked to do more in this respect.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING AND BIODIVERSITY

The Committee was happy with the existing provisions and no changes were required.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Although the road width at the development's Station Road entrance had been slightly reduced, apparently in accordance with the Plan, the traffic calming effect of any resultant reduction in vehicle speed would be a positive. A number of items had been omitted from the Plan and should be taken up with the developer. Particular attention should be paid to site traffic only using approved routes to and from the development, and not being allowed to park offsite, to minimise the impact on the community and listed buildings in the locality.

CONTINUED COMMUNICATION

It was agreed that maintaining communication with the developer including regular meetings, closely monitoring their compliance with planning consent requirements, and raising with them any issues occurring as soon as possible would be vital during the course of the construction works. A committee should be formed to liaise with the developer, possibly to include at least one local resident.

DETAILS OF THE NEXT MEETING

PL21/09-9 It was confirmed that the next Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting will be held at
The Community Centre, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9DX at 7:00pm, Thursday 7th October 2021.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed: Tom Watts

J. Watts

Chair, LMPC Planning Committee

Date: 7/10/2021

Planning Decisions Advised by Babergh District Council

Appendix 1

BDC Planning Application Code	Address	Application Details	LMPC Response	BDC Decision
DC/21/02814 DC/21/02865	Mansel Hall, Little St Marys, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9JB	Householder Planning Application & Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of Victorian style greenhouse (following demolition of existing outbuilding).	NO OBJECTION	PLANNING PERMISSION & LISTED BUILDING
DC/21/03594 DC/21/03595	7 Chapel Green, Little St Marys, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9HX	Householder Application & Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of replacement windows to rear elevation. (resubmission of withdrawn application DC/21/02312 & DC/21/02313)	QUALIFIED SUPPORT	PLANNING PERMISSION & LISTED BUILDING CONSENT GRANTED
DC/21/03709	12 Bull Lane, Long Melford, Suffolk, CO10 9EA	Householder Application - Erection of two storey side extension and garage (following demolition of existing garage and conservatory).	NO OBJECTION	PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED
DC/21/03738	4 Cock And Bell Lane, Long Melford, Suffolk, CO10 9JN	Householder Application - Erection of porch with existing pitched roof canopy retained in new design	SUPPORT	PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED
DC/21/03788	7 Westgate Terrace, Westgate Street, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9DW	Application for Listed Building Consent - Proposed insertion of gas fire to existing fireplace	NO OBJECTION	WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT
DC/21/03871	2 Paddock Pasture Cottages, Hungry Hall Lane, Long Melford, Suffolk CO10 9BE	Householder Application - Erection of two bay cart lodge with garden room.	SUPPORT	PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED