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HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at The 1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich on Wednesday 23rd November 2011 commencing at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors Brown, C Callender, R Callender, Calver, Day, Double, Flavell, Gibbins (from 6.55pm), I Henderson, J Henderson, King, McLeod, Thompson and Todd

In the Chair: Councillor Thurlow

Clerk: Mrs L Ballard

Also present: 4 members of the public and 1 member of the press

There were no questions

P053/11 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies received from Cllr O'Neill.

P054/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr McLeod declared an interest as a member of TDC's Development Committee.

P055/11 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Planning meeting held on 2nd November 2011 (previously circulated) be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

P056/11 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications for weeks ending 28th October, 4th November and 11th November.
RESOLVED: Recommendations in Appendix 'A' be submitted to Tendring District Council.

P057/11 **MATTERS RECEIVED IN POST**

- A letter from the DCLG regarding planning applications for Bathside Bay was discussed.
RESOLVED: To take up offer to make representations to the Secretary of State.

P058/11 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next Town Planning meeting will be held at the **1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich, on 14th December 2011 at 6.30pm.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.10pm

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX A

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL: Recommendations of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 23rd November 2011

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REGISTERED BY TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR:-

WEEK ENDING 28th OCTOBER		
11/01248/OUT Mrs Christine Wynne	Erection of 2 detached houses with linked garages (fronting Manor Road). Extension of time previously approved 08/01024/OUT)	No Objection
11/01260/LBC Mr M Pountney	Change of use from storage land to garden with erection of prefabricated artists studio and alterations to existing brick shed. Works to listed walls will be to front of brick shed which forms part of the north west listed wall. New access and windows to the brick shed and installation of water and sewerage facilities.	No Objection
11/01260/LBC Mr M Pountney	Change of use from storage land to garden with erection of prefabricated artists studio and alterations to existing brick shed. Works to listed walls will be to front of brick shed which forms part of the north west listed wall. New access and windows to the brick shed and installation of water and sewerage facilities.	No Objection
WEEK ENDING 4th NOVEMBER		
11/01190/FUL Bakers of Danbury Ltd	Replacement tilt and turn windows (following removal of existing 106 windows).	No Objection
WEEK ENDING 11th NOVEMBER		
11/01323/FUL Mr & Mrs Watson	Proposed garage conversion to music room and new garage.	No Objection

MINUTES of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at The 1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich on Wednesday 14th December 2011 commencing at 6.35 pm

Present: Councillors Brown, Calver, Day, Double, Flavell, J Henderson, Thompson and Todd

In the Chair: Councillor Thurlow

Clerk: Mrs L Ballard

Also present: 9 members of the public and 1 member of the press

Gary Cox, resident and local business owner raised concerns over application for the Basement Nightclub and how no planning permission has ever been granted. He asked why this had been allowed and why local residents and businesses were not consulted. He said there has been a lot of damage and their properties are now experiencing negative equity as a result of the nightclub. Cllr Calver stated that all issues should be answered by the district council as planning authority and HTC can only ask them these questions. Cllr Double said that HTC are consultees and ultimately the decision lies with TDC and they may or may not take these comments into consideration.

Roger Frith, resident and local business owner complained that since the nightclub entrance had moved to Kingsway, life has been unbearable and he's been subjected to verbal abuse and threats leading to health problems and resulting in needing to move out of his home.

Tony Russell, owner of properties in Holly Close, stated that when the original nightclub entrance was in use, the congestion around the flats made life intolerable for residents. He stated concern that those now accessing the S and R Social Club will gather in the same area and the problems will return. He also asked about whether planning permission would cover the whole building which houses both the Basement and the S and R club and wanted clarification on where access will be.

Philip Taylor, resident, said his young daughter was frequently disturbed by revellers and asked why they should tolerate the disturbances. When he complained to the police he was told to move and felt the club was a disgrace to the town.

Kevin Frith, resident and business owner, asked if HTC recommend to TDC to refuse permission, can the council lobby the district council. Cllr Double said members of the public can but HTC cannot easily do this due to prejudicial interests; would be very difficult.

Mr Frith asked if any HTC Cllrs were on the TDC Planning Committee. Cllr Double confirmed only 1 member, but was absent from this meeting.

P059/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs C Callender, R Callender, Gibbins, I Henderson, King, McLeod and O'Neill.

P060/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

P061/11 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Planning meeting held on 23rd November 2011 (previously circulated) be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

P062/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications for weeks ending

18th November, 25th November and 2nd December.

RESOLVED: Recommendations in Appendix 'A' be submitted to Tendring District Council. **FURTHER RESOLVED:** to write to Harwich Police in relation to application 11/01223/FUL and request HTC are briefed on how the club is perceived by the Police and how they are policing it.

P063/11

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Town Planning meeting will be held at the **1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich**, on **4th January 2012** at **6.30pm**.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm

Chairman

Date

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<p>WEEK ENDING 18th NOVEMBER</p> <p>11/01333/FUL Housing Portfolio Holder</p>	<p>Provision of vehicular access and hardstanding.</p>	<p>No objection</p>
<p>WEEK ENDING 25th NOVEMBER</p> <p>11/01147/FUL Tendring District Council</p> <p>11/01223/FUL G C Management</p> <p>11/01364/FUL Mr J Mowle</p>	<p>Replacement of glazed hardwood communal entrance door and frame with new steel security door and frame and upgrading door entry control system.</p> <p>Change of use from restaurant (Use class A3) to nightclub (Sui Generis) (retention of)</p> <p>Erection of two semi-detached houses.</p>	<p>No objection</p> <p>Objection – and to include comments as raised during public questions</p> <p>No objection</p>
<p>WEEK ENDING 2nd DECEMBER</p> <p>11/01384/FUL Mr and Mrs Welham</p> <p>11/01429/LUPROP Mr & Mrs D Howard</p>	<p>Proposed two storey and single storey extensions to form garage, living room, 2 bedrooms and en suite shower/wc.</p> <p>Conversion of loft space and insertion of dormer windows to provide additional bedroom</p>	<p>No objection</p> <p>No objection</p>