

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL
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MINUTES
 of the
TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE
 held at
The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich, CO12 3DS
 on
Tuesday 15th October 2019 at 6.34pm

Present:	Cllrs Chant, Davidson, Fay, Ferguson, J Henderson, McLeod, Morrison, Powell, Richardson, Saunders, G Smith and Todd
In the Chair:	Councillor I Henderson
Clerk:	Ms Lucy Ballard
Also present:	5 members of the public, 0 members of the press

Question Time: In referring to application 19/01439/LBC, Betty Holbrook asked whether the planning law had been changed in relation to the conversion of cellars and the allowable usage, specifically in respect of listed buildings as she believed they could only be converted for recreational use rather than for bedrooms due to the potential dangers if flooding occurred. Cllr G Smith said he could answer that during consideration of that application.

Another resident raised concerns of the infestation of rats in that property, which were affecting her property next door and has led to her entire ground floor smelling of dead rat. She also raised concern that the works have commenced without prior authorisation and believed that an application was only submitted due to enforcement. She said that everything the applicant does has a knock-on effect on other properties so it's important the works are carried out legitimately.

P051/19	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllrs Calver, Fowler and D Smith
P052/19	<u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u> None
P053/19	<u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u> RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Town Planning meeting held on 24 th September 2019 (previously circulated) be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
P054/19	<u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES AND PREVIOUS MINUTES</u> None
P055/19	<u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u> The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications for weeks ending 27 th September; 4 th and 11 th October 2019 RESOLVED: To submit comments to Tendring District Council planning authority.
P056/19	<u>DETERMINATIONS</u> Members noted determinations of previously considered planning applications as notified by Tendring District Council: None

P057/19	<p><u>MATTERS RECEIVED IN THE POST OR RAISED BY MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Cllr McLeod referred to 20 Victoria Street and that it was still in terrible condition and being valuable land, asked if HTC could ask TDC to do something about the eyesore asap. It's close to the town centre which is a focus for regeneration. The Clerk agreed to contact the local authority and ask if there's been any recent inspections or progress/enforcement action.</p>
P058/19	<p><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>The next Town Planning meeting is to be held at The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich, on Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 6.30pm.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.07pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE

APPENDIX A

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

Recommendations of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 15th October 2019

WEEK ENDING 27 SEPTEMBER 2019		
19/01439/LBC Mr Young 31 Kings Quay Street Harwich	Internal alterations to basement to add additional en-suite bedroom and refurbishment to kitchen on ground floor.	Objection on the grounds that this is a retrospective application in relation to a listed building.
19/01448/TPO Mr Gary Coombs 113 Fronks Road, Dovercourt	1 No. Hornbeam - reduce by 30%	No Objection
WEEK ENDING 4 OCTOBER 2019		
19/01464/OUT Mr D Newman and Mrs LM Williamson Land adjacent Community Centre Long Meadows Dovercourt	Proposal to erect two maisonettes with parking, amenity space and access.	No Objection with the addition of comments about preserving the current public footway, which is included within the planned area for development.
19/01467/LBC Harwich Haven Authority Ha' Penny Ticket Office Harwich Pier, The Quay Harwich	Proposed external 'grab' rails to ticket office entrance.	No Objection
19/01466/FUL Harwich Haven Authority Ha' Penny Ticket Office Harwich Pier, The Quay Harwich	Proposed external 'grab' rails to ticket office entrance.	No Objection
19/01459/FUL Dovercourt Refurbishment Ltd, 30 Marine Parade Dovercourt	Proposed ground floor rear extension to make one bedroom flat into three bedrooms.	Object on the grounds of overdevelopment and loss of amenity and parking space.

WEEK ENDING 11 OCTOBER		
NONE		