



Oulton Broad Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

The Pavilion Building

5.30pm Monday 2nd April 2024

Present: Councillors: Christine Ashdown, Ben Falat, Brian Keller, and Sandie Keller.

Also, in attendance: Michaela McGoun (Clerk).

P1. Welcome:

P2. Announcement on Reporting:

Councillors and members of the public will be reminded that in the interests of openness and transparency, the law permits filming, recording or other means of reporting of meetings.

P3. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence:

Apologies received from Cllr. Bragg. Cllr. Carver was not in attendance.

P4. Declarations of Interests and dispensations:

P4.1 To receive Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests from councillors on items on the agenda.

P4.2 To receive and consider written requests for dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. **None**

P4.3 To note any dispensations previously granted. **None**

P5. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024.

Proposed by Cllr. Ashdown, seconded by Cllr. Bromley, all in favour.

P6. Public Forum:

An opportunity for members of the public to make comments on any matters on this agenda.

P7. Planning Applications for consideration:

	Reference	Location	Application Details
1	DC/24/1023/FUL	5 Fern Avenue, Lowestoft	Demolition of existing garage and lean to utility room and erection of side and rear extension to form additional living space.
	Recommend: No objections	Proposed by Cllr. Falat Seconded by Cllr. S Keller	All in favour

2	DC/24/0759/FUL	6 Longfield Way, Lowestoft	To build 1.5M extension to the front of the garage to develop an undercover porch area to the front door. Reposition garage door to suit new garage front area. Raise garage walls appx 15cm to align with previous built pitch roof, internally build 1.5M x 1.5M extension from hallway into garage area to allow for a fire door to be fitted.
	Recommend: No objections	Proposed by Cllr. S Keller Seconded by Cllr. Falat	All in favour
3	DC/24/0935/FUL	16 St Michael's Close, Lowestoft	Clad first floor elevation to the front with Hardi plank weatherboarding (from roof level to the top of ground floor windows), Render ground floor front elevation from damp course to meet with cladding.
	Recommend: No Objections	Proposed by Cllr. Falat Seconded by Cllr. Bromley	All in favour

P8. To receive an update on any correspondence:

Complaint received from a member of public; Cllr Falat would like to note the member of public has never attended a planning meeting.

A meeting took place regarding the signage for Oulton Broad attended by: Peter Aldous, Andrée Gee, Eddy Back and Ben Falat (Keith Robinson held up by traffic) [Apology from Sandra Keller]

In summary:–

1 Ben Falat (Oulton Broad Parish) presented a pictorial overview of road signs (copied at attachment). Whereas reduced traffic flow through Oulton Broad will be of merit, there is potential de-merit of visitors for both tourism and business being dissuaded from accessing Oulton Broad; I've tried to reflect these interests with the 'Brown Sign' at attachment (obviously final design sitting with Suffolk Highways). Potentially such Brown-Signage could be at zero cost to OBPC because of the general need for wider signs replacement; Aldous, Back and Gee were all moved to agree that there was a wider issue of signage and grateful to OBPC for highlighting this.

Once the new Gull-Wing route is opened, unless corrections/alterations are made, there will exist some anomalies which will certainly affect Oulton Broad.

During his site-investigations of the District a whole raft of other signages became apparent as potentially in due course sending WRONG Messages to traffic.

It was suggested that in view of the very necessary re-routing of A47/A12 Trunk traffic across the GullWing Bridge, there exists opportunity for Oulton Broad to benefit from at very least some "Brown-Sign" insertions towards The Broad, Tourism, Accommodation, Fuelling and Local Business, all attendees agreed.

2 Peter Aldous asked whether Minutes had been kept of previous Lake Lothing Crossing Stakeholder Meetings which might give weight to the present issue.

As early as Fri-22-March-2019, Item-5 in the Minutes, in response to a call for appropriate road signs reflecting strategy of The Broads Authority as well as wishes of Oulton Broad Parish state:-

"... JB [Project Manager, SCC] assured the group that there will be a signage strategy, ...".

During later meetings BF reiterated this Parish wish for remedial signage particularly to redirect tourist traffic towards the otherwise circumvented locality of Oulton Broad.

***This new signage strategy is not yet evident*.**

3 It is now suggested that Suffolk (Highways) be asked as a late but integral part of the GullWing project to effect the promised new signage strategy,

(i) to survey the District for appropriate re-signing, liaising with local councillors, for Green routings, White local directions, Brown invitations.

P9. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and agree any action:

Cllr. Falat has written to Mr Penman with the background & information for him to look at on the neighbourhood plan.

To note date of next Planning Committee Meeting: Monday 15th April 2024

The Chairman closed the meeting at 17. 50pm

Minutes approved on2024

SignedPlanning Committee Chairman