

**MINUTES** of the **PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING** held in the **Main Hall, Epping Hall, St Johns Road, Epping** on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021** at **6.30pm**.

**PRESENT:**

Cllr B Scruton (Vice Chairman and Deputy Mayor - *ex officio* )  
Cllr G Scruton  
Cllr M Wright (Mayor - *ex officio*)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** No members of the press or public were present.

**OFFICER:** Geraldine Vallis (Planning & Events Officer)

**23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr N Avey (Chairman), Cllr C McCredie and Cllr C Burgess.

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Cllr B Scruton (Vice Chairman).

**24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr N Avey and Cllr C McCredie requested an entry to be made in the minutes, to make it clear, that as members of both the Town and District Councils, they will reconsider all matters at District level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at the District tier. Therefore, they cannot be bound in any way by any view expressed in the parish tier or by the decisions of this Committee.

**25 DISPENSATIONS**

There were no dispensations.

**26 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Committee **RESOLVED** that:

**the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

The Planning & Events Officer advised members of an amendment to the 13<sup>th</sup> April Planning & General Purposes meeting minutes. Under minute 503, for EPF/0145/21 2 Crossing Road, Cllr C McCredie confirmed as a non-pecuniary declaration of interest as she knows the objector (not the applicant, as stated in the 13<sup>th</sup> April minutes).

**27 PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

There were no public questions or comments.

**28 NOTICES AND INFORMATION**

There were no notices or information.

**29 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Committee **CONSIDERED** the following planning and tree applications received from Epping Forest District Council since the date of the previous meeting until the date of this agenda.

TPO/EPF/1040/21	22 Kendal Avenue Epping CM16 4PW Ms Maxine Starling	TPO/EPF/45/91 (Ref: G3) T2 & T4: Pine - Selective reduction by up to 2m, as specified.
<p>Committee <b>strongly OBJECT</b> to this application.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that T2 and T4 are part of a set of Pine trees which are an important prominent contribution to Kendal Avenue. These proposed works would have a very damaging effect on the street scene in a conservation area. The Committee acknowledge the tree report which is included with this tree application.</p> <p>It was noted by the Committee that the T3 Pine is also included in this tree application form as part of these proposed works even though there is a separate TPO application for this individual T3 Pine tree that came before the Committee recently.</p> <p>The Committee wants to reiterate their comments from this other tree application regarding T3 Pine to fell and replace. Committee acknowledges and supports EFDC’s refusal and arboricultural report from the previous application in 2020 and note that this is another application for the same tree fell works. Committee do not support the felling of this TPO Pine tree.</p> <p>These three Pine trees are very prominent in a conservation area and these works would cause detrimental damage to the street scene.</p> <p>Relevant policies: CP2(i), HC6, LL7, LL8, LL9, LL10 (Local Plan 1998 &amp; Alterations 2006) SP6 (Emerging Local Plan) <a href="#">Epping Town Council confirm they will attend and speak at Plans East to object to this proposal.</a></p>		
TPO/EPF/1147/21	Land to the rear of 21 Highfield Green Epping Essex CM16 5HD Mr R Lang	TPO/EPF/28/83 T1: Sycamore - Crown reduce by up to 2m, as specified. Specific reduction around lamp post, as specified.
<p>Committee have <b>NO OBJECTION</b> with the work provided it is carried out under the supervision of the arboricultural officer at EFDC.</p>		

EPF/1153/21	40 Station Road Epping CM16 4HN Roger Jeffries	Proposed ground floor rear extension, proposed canopy, facade alterations, floorplan redesign & all associated works.
Committee have <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application.		
LB/EPF/1325/21	Civic Offices, Main Building 323 High Street Epping CM16 4BZ Deane Williams	Remove decommissioned maintenance hoist and reback wood panelling in the council chamber.
Committee have <b>NO OBJECTION</b> with the work provided it is carried out under the supervision of the conservation officer at EFDC.		

30 **CONSULTATION**

Street Trading Consent	Brick Lane Bagel, The Duke of Wellington PH, 36 High Street, Epping	This application is to sell cold drinks, bagels & cakes (no alcohol).  Monday to Sunday 09:00 – 17:00
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Committee **CONSIDERED** the above consultation and **DECIDED** that no comments should be made.

31 **EFDC PLANNING DECISIONS**

Committee **NOTED** the following planning decisions.

**GRANTED:**

**Delegated Cases**

EPF/0167/21	EPF/0304/21	EPF/0349/21	EPF/0350/21
EPF/0358/21	EPF/0369/21	EPF/0394/21	EPF/0455/21
EPF/0462/21	EPF/0598/21	TPO/EPF/0260/21	EPF/0427/21
EPF/0483/21			

**REFUSED:**

**Delegated Cases**

EPF/0318/21	EPF/0353/21	EPF/2393/20	ADV/EPF/0333/21
EPF/0528/21			

**GRANTED:**

**Committee Cases**

EPF/0033/21			
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The Chairman closed the meeting at **6.52pm**.

**Signature of Chairman**

**Date**