

**MINUTES** of the proceedings at a Meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT & MARKET COMMITTEE** held at Fakenham Connect, Oak Street, Fakenham on **MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016**, at 5.30pm

**Present:**

Cllr T Duffy (Chairman, Presiding)

Cllrs, J. Dougall, G. Acheson, J. Sandford-Cooke, R. Crook, R. Smith and S Mears

Linda Jennings – Town Clerk

Three members of the public

**64     APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs E. Smith and A. Vertigan

**65     DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr R Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item 6 (PA 4088).

**66     MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 July 2016, having been circulated, were on the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Sandford Cooke, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman with the following amendment; *Minute 60 should reflect that Councillors would like permanent metal signs attached to the Town signs situated on the entrances to the Town advertising the Thursday Market.*

**67     MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Minute 43 (PA4081)** Planning Application PO/16/0842. Cllrs Duffy, Acheson and Dougall carried out a site visit. Concerns were raised regarding the dropped kerb outside the property on Lee Warner Avenue and the white building in the rear garden looks occupied. Councillors agreed to No objection but are concerned as to where the boundary line at the rear of the property is.

**68     TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR ELECTOR'S QUESTIONS**

Ms Dawn Wakefield has concerns that Buskers are not coming to the Thursday Market due to the new guidance being put in place. She was assured that Buskers are most welcome and encouraged, although some stallholders have complained in the past if the buskers are too loud. Mr Jim Rockett said that the Town Council website needs updating and the guidance for Buskers should be put on the website. On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Sandford-Cooke that the Clerk invites Buskers to the Town via Facebook and Twitter. The Town Council only has jurisdiction over the Market Place and Norwich Road on Thursdays. Cllr Sandford-Cooke queried how much use was made of the two phone boxes in the Market Place. She has seen how other Parishes use theirs as libraries or to house a defibrillator. She felt this could be a much better use for them. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting. The Clerk will investigate usage.

**69     TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

PA 4083 (PF/16/0790) Mr Gardner – Erection of one B2 and one B8 industrial unit.

Unit 9, Clipbush Business Park, Hawthorn Way

**Councillors supported the application.**

PA 4086 (PF/16/0931) Mr Clive Povey –Change of use of offices (B1) to mixed use of tattoo and piercing studio (D1) and office (B1)

7A Norwich Road

**Councillors supported the application with 6 votes for and 1 abstention.**

PA 4087 (PF/16/0938) Mr Andrew Page – Change of use of former social club to two dwelling houses

37-39 Oak Street

On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Duffy that Standing Orders are suspended. All in favour. Ms Wakefield who is a close resident to the building commented on the plans.

**On the proposition of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Mears, Councillors have no objections but have concerns regarding the safety of vehicular access, the close proximity of the electricity sub-station and the loss of a Social Amenity for the town.**

On the proposition of Cllr Duffy, seconded by Cllr Acheson that Standing Orders are reinstated.

Cllr R. Smith left the meeting.

PA4088 (LA/16/1020) Mr & Mrs Loates – conversion of existing function room to six flats, including front extensions and parking, re-building of dining room with staff lounge above.

Wensum Lodge Hotel, Bridge Street

**On the proposal of Cllr Acheson, seconded by Cllr Duffy, Councillors agreed to no objection but commented on the lack of car parking spaces and the loss of the garden which is a green space available to the hotels guests.**

**70 TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

PA 4068 (PF/16/0655) Gilchrist & Southwell – Construction of new single-storey dwelling with detached garage – Former playground, Rudham Stile Lane.

FTC – No objection or comment

**CONSENT GRANTED**

PA 4075 (PF/16/0718) Mrs Lisa High – First floor extension over existing garage and two storey extension to its rear – 140 North Park

FTC – No objection but comment that there could be potential overlooking issues.

**CONSENT GRANTED**

**71 HIGHWAY RANGERS VISIT**

The next Highways Ranger visit will be on week commencing 19 September 2016.

**72 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

Sky Blu Solutions have written regarding the loss of Public Rights of Way. These have to be registered before 2026.

**73 THURSDAY MARKET**

The Clerk reported that scaffolding will be erected around the Bet Fred building week commencing 15 August. She will inform the stall holders on Thursday.

**74 TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 22 August 2016 at 5.30pm

**The meeting closed at 18.45**

**CONFIRMED** this

day of

2016.

**CHAIRMAN**