

Agenda Item: X

AWARDS PANEL

Minutes of a meeting of the Awards Panel of Broadland District Council, held on 15 September 2021 at 9am.

Committee Members Present: Councillors: K Vincent (chairman), N Brennan, C Karimi-Ghovanlou, S Lawn, K Lawrence, K Leggett, S Prutton, J Ward

Substitute Members: Councillor S Lawn (for Cllr Fisher)

Officers in Attendance: The Senior Heritage and Design Officer and the Democratic Services Officer (DM).

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER PROCEDURAL RULE NO 8

Member	Minute No & Heading	Nature of Interest
Cll K Vincent	4 – Broadland Design Awards (Rosebery Fields, Great Plumstead)	“Other Interest” – non-pecuniary - her husband was a District Council member representative on Broadland Growth who were associated with the development and she was Norfolk County Council’s nominated share holder representative on the Norse Group

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Fisher and Cllr R Foulger.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

4 THE BROADLAND DESIGN AWARDS 2021

The Panel received the report of the Senior Heritage and Design Officer on the shortlisted schemes for the Broadland Design Awards for 2021. The awards scheme had not been held the previous year due to COVID and this year's scheme had therefore included nominations covering the last 2 years.

When assessing the shortlisted schemes, Members were encouraged to have regard to the scale and design of the buildings, the use of sympathetic or sustainable materials and the way in which the buildings sat with neighbouring properties in their landscape setting.

Members were advised that, due to COVID, arrangements had not been made to view inside premises. Whilst some of the venues could potentially be viewed internally, others were smaller, residential properties and it was felt it would not be appropriate to view these internally and there was a need to maintain a consistent evaluation for fair comparison. Members were disappointed they would not benefit from an internal inspection but understood the reasons why.

The Panel adjourned at 9.20 am, when the Members and the Senior Heritage and Design Officer visited the shortlisted sites as follows:

- Gale Gardens, Aylsham
- The Duckeries, Weston Longville
- The Nest, Horsford
- Faraday House, Broadland Business Park
- Rosebery Fields, Great Plumstead
- Oakland Mews, Strumpshaw

The Panel reconvened at Thorpe Lodge at 4:20 pm when all the Members listed above were present. The Democratic Services Officer re-joined the meeting.

Members gave their marks for each nomination and the award winners were announced. They went on to discuss the individual projects and the reasoning for their scoring. They commented on the high standard of the projects nominated and the difficulty of comparing the residential nominations with the non-residential. If possible, in future, they felt it would be useful to group nominations into different categories of awards. With regard to the awards presented to the winners at the Community at Heart Presentation evening, members were in favour of retaining the presentation of a plaque.

RESOLVED

to make the following Broadland Design Awards for 2021:

The Broadland Design Award 2021	The Duckeries, Weston Longville
Certificate of High Commendation	Oakland Mews, Strumpshaw
Certificate of Commendation (with particular recognition of its environmental contribution)	Faraday House, Broadland Business Park
In addition to these awards, Members were particularly impressed with the building design and positive community impact of The Nest, Horsford and felt this warranted particular recognition.	
Certificate of High Merit in recognition of its accessible design	The Nest, Horsford

(The meeting concluded at 5pm)

Chairman