DECISION DELEGATED TO HEAD OF PLANNING

Application No:	**H06-0568-22**	**Applicant:**	**Gedney Dyke Village Hall**
Proposal:	Extension & Alterations		
Location:	Gedney Dyke Village Hall Main Street Gedney Dyke		
Terminal Date:	27th July 2022		

Planning Policies

South East Lincolnshire Local Plan - Adopted: March 2019

02	Development Management
03	Design of New Development

National Guidance

National Planning Policy Framework 2021

Section 12. Achieving well-designed places

Representations:

	Object	Support	No Obj.	Comments
PARISH COUNCIL	0	1	0	0
WARD MEMBER	0	0	0	0
IAN MARSHMAN, HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT OFFICER	0	0	0	1
RESIDENTS	0	1	0	0

CASE OFFICER ASSESSMENT

PROPOSAL

This is a full application seeking permission for a single storey rear extension measuring 3.9 metres (width) x 4.2 metres (depth) and standing ta 3 metres in height. The external materials would match the existing building.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located on Main Street in Gedney Dyke. It forms part of the Gedney Dyke Village Hall. The site is accessed via a gravelled carpark to the front. There are residential dwellings to the north and south of the site. The site backs onto open countryside.

RELEVANT PLANNING HISTORY

No relevant planning history.

REPRESENTATIONS

Gedney Parish Council

Supports the application.

Historic Environment Officer

No archaeological impact.

Resident

Supports the scheme.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Principle of development

The proposal would not introduce any new activities on the site therefore an extension to the existing building/use is considered acceptable.

Layout, Design, Size and Scale

Paragraph 130 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), 2021 establishes that planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments will function well and add to the overall quality of the area; are visually attractive as a result of good architecture and sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting; and create places that are safe, inclusive and accessible and which promote health and well-being, with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users, among other considerations. Likewise, Policy 2 of the SELLP states that design which is inappropriate to the local area, or which fails to maximise opportunities for improving the character and quality of an area, will not be acceptable.

The proposed extension would be sited to the rear of the site therefore there would not be any prominent views from the main public realm. There would be views of the extension from the rear of the site, however, given it would be a small infill extension with a modest footprint and height it would not appear overly prominent. In addition, the use of matching external materials would ensure the extension is in keeping with the character of the existing building.

As such the extension would comply with the aforementioned policies on design, layout and impact upon the character of the local area.

Impacts upon Residential Amenity

Paragraph 130 of National Planning Policy Framework (2021) amongst other matters seeks places with a high standard of amenity for existing and future users. Policies 2 and 3 of South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (2019) set out residential amenity and relationship to existing development and land uses as main considerations when making planning decisions.

The closest neighbour to the proposed extension is no.13 Lowgate Crescent located towards the south of the application site. The proposed extension would be sited 4.5 metres from the shared boundary with this neighbour and at least 28 metres from its nearest elevation. Given the single storey nature of the extension and the separation distance no unacceptable impact would result on neighbouring amenity.

As such the proposal would accord with Paragraph 130 of National Planning Policy Framework (2021) and Policies 2 and 3 of South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (2019).

Planning Balance

The proposal will not materially harm the character or appearance of the locality or the amenity of nearby residents. The planning balance is therefore considered to be in favour of the proposal.

CONCLUSION

In light of the considerations above, the proposal is considered to be in accordance with Policies 2 and 3 of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan (2019) and Section 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).

Additional Considerations

Public Sector Equality Duty

In making this decision the Authority must have regard to the public sector equality duty (PSED) under s.149 of the Equalities Act. This means that the Council must have due regard to the need (in discharging its functions) to:
A. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
B. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. This may include removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; taking steps to meet the special needs of those with a protected characteristic; encouraging participation in public life (or other areas where they are underrepresented) of people with a protected characteristic(s).
C. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The PSED must be considered as a relevant factor in making this decision but does not impose a duty to achieve the outcomes in s.149. It is only one factor that needs to be considered, and may be balanced against other relevant factors.

It is not considered that the recommendation in this case will have a disproportionately adverse impact on a protected characteristic.

Human Rights

In making a decision, the Authority should be aware of and take into account any implications that may arise from the Human Rights Act 1998. Under the Act, it is unlawful for a public authority such as South Holland District Council to act in a manner that is incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights. The Authority is referred specifically to Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property).

It is not considered that the recommendation in this case interferes with local residents' right to respect for their private and family life, home and correspondence, except insofar as it is necessary to protect the rights and freedoms of others (in this case, the rights of the applicant). The Council is also permitted to control the use of property in accordance with the general public interest and the recommendation is considered to be a proportionate response to the submitted application based on the considerations set out in this report.

RECOMMENDATION

The application can be approved under delegated powers.