

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 1 December 2021 at 9.15am**

**PRESENT:** Cllr S Bird (Chairman)  
Cllr A Smith (Vice-Chairman) Cllr M Morris  
Cllr S Bennett Cllr D Savage

**OFFICERS:** Mrs D Frost (Deputy Town Clerk)  
Mrs S Morrison (Planning Administration Assistant) (*via Zoom*)

**IN ATTENDANCE ONLINE:** Cllr M Jepson (left at 10.50 *Item 279*)  
1 Member of Public (*via Zoom*) (*Item 274*)

**269. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

**270. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr M Jepson, Cllr S Gallant, Cllr S Wiles** and **Cllr K Williams** requiring to attend to other business.

**271. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Gallant	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bird	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of Suffolk County Council)
Cllr D Savage Cllr A Smith	273b	Local Non-Pecuniary (as friend to the applicant)

**272. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 17 November 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

**273. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Committee considered the following planning applications received since the last meeting and **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations to East Suffolk Council:

<b>A</b>	<b>DC/21/5144/FUL</b>   Rear & side extension. 46 Roman Way
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL</b>	
<b>B</b>	<b>DC/21/4854/VOC</b>   Variation of Condition No.1 of DC/19/1393/ARM - Approval of Reserved Matters on application DC/18/1825/OUT (Outline proposal for one dwelling on side gardens) - Raise ridge by approx 800-900mm. 'Square Off' rear elevation. Increase hall area by 20m towards front 25 Springfield Avenue
<b>Committee recommended REFUSAL. The proposed dwelling has increased from a single storey to a one and a half storey property. The resulting height and massing would be out of keeping with the street scene and neighbouring properties. It is therefore contrary to SCLP 11.1 paragraph (c) (i) (ii) (iii) and (iv). As a proposed 3 bedroom property it would require 2 car parking spaces under SCC Parking Guidance. These are not provided in this application.</b>	
<b>C</b>	<b>DC/21/5122/FUL</b>   Single storey rear conservatory 8 Culford Walk
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>D</b>	<b>DC/21/5016/P3MA</b>   Prior Notification - Change of use from retail (Use Class E) to residential (Use Class C3) (ground floor only) 15 Langer Road
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL. We have considered the application in light of it being in the Conservation Area, but feel that it is acceptable in relation to a row of residential properties. We note with considerable concern that there is no mention of the Conservation Area in this application.</b>	
<b>E</b>	<b>DC/21/5080/ADI</b>   Illuminated and Non Illuminated Advertisement Consent - Fascia 1: Illuminated internally by LED modules. Fascia 2 Non-Illuminated. 1x Internally illuminated logo projecting sign. 2x LED acrylic window units 73 Undercliff Road West
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL. We note with considerable concern there is no mention in this application of the Conservation Area.</b>	

<b>F</b>	<b>DC/21/5160/ADN</b>   Non illuminated Advertisement - Replacement Holiday Park Entrance Signs <b>Suffolk Sands Caravan Park Carr Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	

<b>G</b>	<b>DC/21/3296/VOC</b>   Variation of Conditions 2, 3 and 4 of DC/15/0924/FUL - Proposed 3 Bedroom Detached Dwelling on Land Adj 20 Rosebery Road - To change external wall cladding material from Brick to Eternit Weatherboard Cladding and submission of access details required by condition 4. <b>20 Rosebery Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	

**274. DRAFT SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The consultation was considered by the Committee on Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document with a deadline of 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. It was agreed that it was very comprehensive but difficult trying to assimilate the Suffolk Local Plan with the Waveney Local Plan .

**It was RESOLVED that we would respond as follows "The draft Sustainable Construction SPD was considered by the Committee. It was agreed that it is very comprehensive, but it is difficult to understand it in conjunction with both the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan and the Waveney Local Plan. While we recognise that water is a scarce and valuable resource in Suffolk and particularly in Felixstowe, we question the viability of the statement that a daily requirement per person should be 110 litres. If this is rigidly enforced on developments, both in the short and medium term, this could lead to a reduced availability and increased cost of new housing. In para. 3.26 we would wish to question why the requirement to comply with these policies is not applicable to Permitted Development unless there is a legal impediment to achieve this. We request that the requirements of the SPD are extended to cover Permitted Development.**

**275. DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The consultation was considered by the Committee. Members noted that the Draft Affordable Housing SPD appeared to be very well written and highly comprehensive.

**RESOLVED that Members of the Committee should welcome the document which clearly outlines the different affordable housing options available.**

## **276. PLANNING DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED** that the decisions on planning applications by East Suffolk Council notified to the Town Council since the previous meeting be noted.

## **277. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Committee NOTED** the following:

**i) ESC Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule.**

It was requested that the Consultation be circulated to Committee. It was agreed to consider the consultation at the next meeting and ensure comment is sent before the deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

**ii) Speed Limit Order- A154 Candlet Road, Felixstowe**

Having regard to the changing status of Candlet Road, on an undeveloped national speed limit road and the change of character which will result from current and forthcoming applications, including existing permissions and current reserved matters application at North Walton High Street, and under Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood which will collectively create a developed frontage which we support a 40mph speed limit. We also recognised there will be no commercial or residential access.

**At 10.50 Cllr M Jepson left the meeting to attend to other business.**

## **278. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 11.11am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am.

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Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_