

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at
TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Cllr S Bird (Chairman)
Cllr M Morris (Vice-Chairman) Cllr J Candy
Cllr N Barber Cllr C Franklin
Cllr S Bennett Cllr A Folley

OFFICERS: Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Morrison (Planning Administration Assistant)

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public (via Zoom)

516. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

517. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Wiles** and **Cllr B Price**.

518. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Other Registerable Interests, to which no matters on the agenda were directly related, were noted:

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bennett Cllr J Candy Cllr A Folley	All	Other registerable interests (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bennett Cllr S Bird	All	Other registerable interests (as Members of Suffolk County Council)

Cllr N Barber declared a Non-Registerable Interest in item 528(B) as they had been working closely with the owner of the subject site. Having declared this Non-Registerable Interest, Cllr Barber advised that they would leave the meeting prior to any debate and decision on the item.

Cllr A Folley declared a Non-Registerable Interest in item 528(F) as the applicant was a close friend. Having declared this Non-Registerable Interest, Cllr Folley advised that they would leave the meeting prior to any debate and decision on the item.

Members were advised that, should any matters arise in the meeting that directly relate to any of their interests, they should make appropriate declarations at that time.

519. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 3 April 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

520. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

A	DC/24/1068/VOC Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/1292/FUL - Demolition of existing building; Replacement building to be used for commercial use at ground floor and two residential units above. - Replace two steps in courtyard with a ramp and to level the first floor flats access above the single storey extension without the steps in the walkway/roof. 2 Hamilton Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

At this point, 9.45am, Cllr Barber left the meeting.

B	DC/24/1055/FUL Siting of cycle store and amenity area to serve development implemented in accordance with DC/23/1986/FUL, Land At Rear Of 50-52 High Road West
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

Cllr Barber returned, 9.53am.

C	DC/24/1129/FUL To erect cart lodge with store over and extend driveway towards cart lodge. 30 High Road East
Committee recommended REFUSAL. We have strong objections to this proposed cart lodge and store. Firstly, we feel that its height and massing is excessive and it would be injurious to the wider street scene and therefore would be contrary to SCLP 11.1 para. (c) i, iii, and iv. We further believe that the external staircase at first floor level will cause unacceptable loss of amenity and privacy at No.32 and therefore would be contrary to SCLP 11.2 para. (a) and (b).	

D	DC/24/1176/FUL Demolish existing front boundary wall. Erect new boundary wall with metal work between piers and widen entrance between piers. 30 High Road East
Committee recommended REFUSAL. We recognise that this property, with its current low boundary wall, has an open appearance which complements the street scene. We believe that the proposed replacement wall will be excessive in height and therefore injurious to the street scene and contrary to SCLP 11.1 para (a), (b) and (c) i.	

E	DC/24/0912/ROC Removal of Condition No. 1 of C/91/0613 - Continuation of use of property as five flats (variation to condition which restricts occupancy) Constable Court 13 Constable Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

At this point, 10.29am, Cllr Folley left the meeting.

F	DC/24/0885/FUL Retrospective Application - Change of Use of additional dining room to beauticians incorporating 3 treatment rooms and a reception area. Dolphin Hotel 41 Beach Station Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

Cllr Folley returned, 10.34am.

G	DC/24/1065/FUL Rear/side extension with glazed link roof 7 Quilter Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

H	DC/24/1087/TCA 1no. Unknown species (marked on plan) - Fell 10 Orwell Road
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

521. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

522. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee NOTED the following correspondence:

i) Summary of parking options proposals for Felixstowe from East Suffolk Council.

The Clerk advised that ESC, subject to feedback from the Town Council, it would seek to undertake a consultation process on some or all of these proposals. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the information to all Councillors and arrange for a briefing on the various options.

523. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.56am It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 1 May 2024 at 9.30am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____