

**MINUTES of the PLANS COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on
Wednesday 10 December 2014 at 9.15am**

PRESENT: Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr Jon Garfield
 Cllr D Savage (Deputy Mayor) Cllr M Morris
 Cllr S Bird Cllr K Williams
 Cllr M Deacon

OFFICERS: Mrs R Jones (Estates Officer)
 Mrs L Monsen (Mayor's Secretary/Executive Secretary)

419. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Stokell, Cllr J Sennington and Cllr C Webb.

420. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

The following declarations of Councillors' interests were made:

Member	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bird	423	Local Non-Pecuniary (Suffolk Coastal District Council Member)
Cllr M Deacon	423	Local Non-Pecuniary (Suffolk Coastal District Council Member)
Cllr D Savage	423	Local Non-Pecuniary (Suffolk Coastal District Council Member)
Cllr A Smith	423	Local Non-Pecuniary (Suffolk Coastal District Council Member)
Cllr K Williams	423	Local Non-Pecuniary (Suffolk Coastal District Council Member)

421. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

422. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED that:

The Minutes of the Plans Committee Meeting held on 26th November 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

423. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

a)	DC/14/3438/FUL 4 x LED Downlighter Spotlights – Flooding lighting to building elevation using 60 degree spread of light. 10 x LED Uplighter Spotlights – Flooding lighting to building elevation using 60 degree spread of light. Premier Inn, 1 Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe Suffolk
Committee recommended APPROVAL. Members took into consideration the impact the lighting would have on the Conservation Area, the nearby residents and businesses in the context of Policies AP1, DM23 (Residential Amenity) and DM26 (Lighting).	

During discussion of the following item the Chairman, Cllr K Williams and Cllr M Deacon left the chamber.

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Cllr D Savage was elected as Chairman for the item.

b)	DC/14/3587/FUL Erection of two dwellings – existing garage and car port to be removed. Revised scheme to outline planning approval DC/14/0060/OUT. 19 Cliff Road, Felixstowe
Committee recommended REFUSAL. Members considered both the initial and the subsequently amended scheme plan approved with Outline Consent DC/14/0060/OUT in order to understand what the extent of any approved development might be. Members considered that the proposals for the two new dwellings were wider, deeper and of a more overbearing design. In consideration of an objection to the proposed development submitted from the neighbour at No. 21, Members believe the proposal would lead to a significant loss of light to habitable rooms on its western elevation and subsequently to its residential amenity. Members felt that the reintroduction of front garages in this section of Cliff Road would have a detrimental impact on the street scene.	
For the above reasons, Members believe the proposal is contrary to guidelines within Policies DM21 (Design) and DM23 (Residential Amenity).	

At this point Cllr Smith returned to the chamber.

Cllr Smith in the Chair.

c)	DC/14/3683/FUL Proposed alterations and extensions (amended schemes to previous approvals C13/0528 & C14/090). Deben Reach, 218 Ferry Road, Felixstowe
Committee recommend APPROVAL.	

d)	DC/14/3700/FUL Erection of a new free-standing souvenir kiosk on Ocean Boulevard amusement area on Felixstowe seafront of similar size and style to the two previously approved and built kiosks on the site. Like the previous kiosks, the application involves the removal of fifteen meters of bushes and a six meter section of dwarf stone wall from along the edge of the promenade to allow customer access. Ocean Amusements, Sea Road, Felixstowe
Committee recommend APPROVAL. Members welcomed this further investment to the seafront area in Felixstowe.	

424. FELIXSTOWE PENINSULA AREA ACTION PLAN

Members had attended the Joint Inaugural Meeting of Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies and Felixstowe Peninsula AAP Working Group Meeting on the 8th December 2014 at Suffolk Coastal District Council Offices. Members noted that the Public Consultation will start on Monday 15th December for 11 weeks. Documents will be available to view on the Suffolk Coastal District Council website. Hard copies will be available at Felixstowe Town Hall and Felixstowe Library.

Committee NOTED the update.

425. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

426. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.45am. The date of the next meeting being Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____