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NEWS UPDATE

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Town Council

Update on Major Planning Applications in Felixstowe

The Town Council is being consulted on a number of major planning applications at present, which have the potential to impact significantly on the infrastructure and dynamic of the town.

Early in the year, the Town Council's Plans Committee recommended that Suffolk Coastal District Council refuse planning permission for proposals to build a substantial retail outlet on land adjacent to Felixstowe Railway Station. Town Councillors raised a number of concerns with regard to the proposed development leading to a decision to recommend refusal. Swiftly thereafter, the Town Council's Plans Committee considered the applications relating to development proposals at Walton South, which included proposals for outline consent for up to 190 new private and affordable homes, and at Walton Green North, which included proposals for between 170 and 200 new and affordable homes, 20 business units, provision for allotments and community space and a Tesco superstore. These proposals were on land owned by Trinity College Cambridge, and caused a significant amount of public debate.

Following a specially convened Plans Committee at the Orwell Hotel at the end of February, the Town Council recommended that Suffolk Coastal District Council approve the Walton South application subject to significant traffic junction improvements from what was proposed, otherwise refusal was recommended.

For Walton Green North, the Town Council recommended refusal on several grounds including those relating to traffic and the proposed link road, the use of agricultural land, sewerage, disturbance to nearby residents from noise, air and light pollution, the configuration of the site, the impact of retail development on Walton and the Town Centre, the bulk and scale of the proposed development, the proposed open use building, and arrangements relating to the proposed relocation of Felixstowe Rifle Club. These applications will now go to Suffolk Coastal District Council's Development Control Planning Committee, whose Members will ultimately decide whether planning permission should be granted or refused.

Precept and Budget Setting for 2013/14

Following detailed analysis and deliberations, the Town Council has approved the budget for the next financial year 2013/14. For 2012/13, the Town Council's precept was £498,420. Due to additional requirements on the Town Council resulting in an anticipated increased expenditure and support to a number of local services which would otherwise be reduced or ceased, and in addition the introduction from Central Government of a new system of localisation of council tax resulting in a reduction in the number of households from whom council tax can be collected, the precept for 2013/14 has been increased by £10,000 from £498,420 to £508,420.

The Town Council also agreed to accept a one-off grant from Suffolk Coastal District Council to manage these transitional changes relating to the localisation of council tax, and recognising the need to balance risks prudently and against the future uncertainty of local government finances. The Town Council will maintain its Community Fund, from which is drawn its financial support to

bedding planting around the town, decorative lighting on the Promenade, support for the local ferry services, support to Felixstowe Futures, support to the Felixstowe Library and support to local youth clubs in the town. The Town Council strongly believes that the financial support available from its Community Fund is of vital importance to enable these aspects of the town's identity to continue, and to ensure the town remains vibrant and buoyant with facilities which are valued and enjoyed by many.

Felixstowe in Flower 2013

This annual event aims to involve the community in making Felixstowe a more beautiful place. A variety of **free to enter competitions** encourage residents and companies to take part free of charge. Competitions include front gardens, containers, commercial premises, residential home gardens, hotel and guest house, public house and tallest sunflower. All judging will take place in the summer and prizes will be awarded to the best entries in all the competition categories at a Gala Prizegiving Event. As part of the event, hanging baskets are put up in the streets of Felixstowe and Walton. Local businesses and organisations are encouraged to sponsor the displays of flowers. The sponsor of a hanging basket, flower tub or trough will have the sponsor's name displayed on a plaque on the container of flowers. The cost of a hanging basket is £50.00 each (£30.00 if more than one sponsored) and flower tubs/troughs are £65.00 each (including VAT).

Both competition entry forms and sponsorship forms can be downloaded from www.felixstowe.gov.uk. Alternatively forms can be collected from the Town Hall or from Felixstowe Library. Further information is available from:

Felixstowe Town Council, Town Hall, Felixstowe, Suffolk, IP11 2AG, by telephone 01394 282086, by fax 01394 285920 or by email sue.faversham@felixstowe.gov.uk or debbie.frost@felixstowe.gov.uk.

Felixstowe Celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Sea Planes in Felixstowe – "Wings on Waves"



On Sunday 4th August 2013, Felixstowe will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Sea Planes in Felixstowe and the event is entitled "Wings on Waves". For most of its long history, the Air Station at Felixstowe has been associated with sea planes and it was as Sea Planes, Felixstowe that it was first opened on 5th August 1913 under the command of Wing Commander C E Risk. Felixstowe has a long and proud connection with the RAF. The RAF Station, which was situated in the vicinity of the current Port of Felixstowe, was one of the very first in Great Britain. RAF Felixstowe was the home to a number of distinguished RAF units and hosted the winning Schneider Trophy Sea Planes unit.

The celebrations on 4th August will take the form of a Church Service at 11 am at St John's Church, Orwell Road, Felixstowe followed by a Parade from the Spa Pavilion to the Town Hall at approximately 12.30 pm. Everyone is invited to watch the Parade from Undercliff Road West or the Promenade or Wolsey Gardens.

At 3pm, an Air Display will take place (weather permitting) over the sea, opposite the Town Hall. Further details of the event will be provided nearer the date and for more information please contact: Celia Page, Mayor's Secretary, Felixstowe Town Council, telephone - (01394) 282086 or email – celia.page@felixstowe.gov.uk.

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WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm.
Feel free to come along to our meetings to see and hear what issues we are talking about. There is a public question time at the start of each meeting so that you can let us know your views on Felixstowe issues.

Forthcoming meetings:

3rd April 2013
8th May 2013 (Annual General Meeting)
5th June 2013
at Felixstowe Town Hall

WHAT WE DO....

Some services the Town Council provides:

- Allotments
- Felixstowe in Flower
- Cemetery
- Broadway House and Walton Community Hall
- Felixstowe Town Hall Lettings
- Youth Forum
- Civic occasions and Flood Memorial
- Grant Support to Local Organisations



• Weddings and Civil Partnerships

Enjoy your Civil Ceremony or Civil Partnership at Felixstowe Town Hall.

For further information,
please contact

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Some of what we do in partnership:

- Consultation on planning applications
 - Highways matters/transport issues
 - Town Centre Management/Libraries
 - Safer neighbourhoods
 - Felixstowe Futures
 - Twinning, Christmas Lighting
 - Play area/sports facilities

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Remember ...

We want to hear your views. Please let us know by telephone or email, using the contacts shown on this page.