

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 4 May 2016 at 9.15am

PRESENT: Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr Jon Garfield (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr S Bird Cllr G Newman
Cllr S Gallant Cllr D Savage
Cllr Jan Garfield Cllr S Wiles

OFFICERS: Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)
Mrs R Jones (Estates Officer)

597. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr N Barber** and **Cllr K Williams**.

598. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

| Member(s) | Minute No. | Nature of Interest |
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| Cllr S Bird Cllr S Gallant Cllr D Savage Cllr A Smith | All | Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council) |
| Cllr G Newman | All | Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of Suffolk County Council) |
| Cllr D Savage Cllr S Wiles | 563(a) | Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of the Advisory Board to the organisation submitting application DC/16/1471/FUL) |
| Cllr D Savage | 563(d) | Pecuniary (as a near neighbour to the property subject to application DC/16/1521/FUL) |

Having declared that the nature of her interest in DC/16/1521/FUL was Pecuniary, Cllr Savage advised that she would leave the chamber prior to any discussion on, and for the duration of Committee's consideration of, that item.

599. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

600. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

601. 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:

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| a | DC/16/1471/FUL Change of use from hotel to boarding house for Felixstowe international college, this will be for up to 22 female students age 10 - 19, 2 house mothers on alternating shifts, there will be one supervising adult at all times. Castle Lodge Hotel Chevalier Road |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL. | |

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| b | DC/16/1474/FUL Proposed garden room The Beeches Martello Lane |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL on the basis that this application, if approved, will be in lieu of the previously approved application under DC/15/2377/FUL. | |

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| c | DC/16/1531/FUL Proposed Rear Extension and Converted garage 13 Dellwood Avenue |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL. | |

At this point, having declared a Pecuniary Interest in the following item, Cllr D Savage left the chamber.

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| d | DC/16/1521/FUL Proposed alterations and extensions to existing dwelling house currently subdivided in to two residential units to provide 5 apartments/flats Meri Rauha 1 High Beach |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL. Having carefully considered the issue of parking provisions and the location of this dwelling in the conservation area, it was felt that this proposal would be an improvement. | |

Cllr D Savage returned to the chamber.

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| e | DC/16/1524/TCA To fell Sycamore in far RH corner of rear garden. Tree has included bark in main stem and unbalanced crown. 4 Quilter Road |
| Committee had no objections to this work taking place. | |

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| f | <p>DC/16/1603/TCA To fell 5no. Sycamore trees to front of property. To crown lift to 4.5m. over shed, Sycamore tree in neighbouring rear garden. 4 Northcliffe Court</p> |
| <p>Committee requested that this group of trees be considered for a Tree Preservation Order. Committee considered this group of trees offer significant value in this locality, request the District Council's Arboricultural Officer to consider making a TPO, should there be no material reason for their felling.</p> | |

602. CONSULTATION: FELIXSTOWE AAP PRE-SUBMISSION DOCUMENT

Members considered the AAP Pre-Submission Document, noting that the national regulations restricted representations to issues which affect the soundness of the document.

It was RESOLVED that the documents be considered 'sound' and that Clerk be instructed to respond to the consultation on this basis.

603. BUSINESS PLANNING 2016-20

Members considered potential objectives for the Planning & Environment Committee as part of Council's draft Business Plan for 2016-2020.

It was RESOLVED that, subject to the amendments discussed being incorporated, the draft objectives be approved for inclusion in the Plan and recommended to F&GP for further consideration in due course.

604. PLANNING DECISIONS

RESOLVED that the decisions received from Suffolk Coastal District Council since the date of the previous agenda and up until the date of the agenda for this meeting be noted.

605. CORRESPONDENCE

The Estates Officer advised that County Council's Rights of Way Officer had provided Council with a copy of the latest definitive map showing the official footpaths and byways in Felixstowe. This would be emailed to Members for reference following the meeting.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted.

606. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.00am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 20 May 2016, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____