

**MINUTES** of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on **Wednesday 6 April 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)

**523. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**524. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
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)

**525. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

There were none.

**526. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 23 March 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**527. 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:

<b>a</b>	<b>DC/16/0917/VOC</b>   Application Vary Condition 2 of DC/15/0151/FUL (Erection of new building, part commercial part residential) to allow for the design of the ground floor to be altered to include 2 further flats and undercroft parking. <b>North Sea Hotel Sea Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL. Committee carefully considered adopted policy AP201 and policy FPP21 in the emerging Felixstowe Area Action Plan in the context of how these applied to this site. Members noted and welcomed the proposal to</b>	

**retain commercial floor space facing Sea Road on the ground floor. Committee noted the submitted Flood Risk Assessment and that the proposals provide a means of refuge via the internal staircase.**

<b>b</b>	<b>DC/16/1082/FUL   Siting of new electric intake cabinet together with associated access steps and guardings   Cliff House Bath Hill</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	

<b>c</b>	<b>DC/16/1162/TPO   T1 &amp; T2 - Beech - laterally reduce over road by 2-3m, crown lift to 5m over the road, remove deadwood and clear BT line. The crown is heavily weighted one side which is over the road. The work would help balance the tree and remove any additional weight on the road side of the canopy.   2 Barton Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL subject to the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer.</b>	

**528. PLANNING DECISIONS**

**Committee NOTED 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.**

**529. CONSULTATION: HOUSING AND PLANNING BILL**

Committee considered its response to the technical consultation on the implementation of planning changes relating to the Housing and Planning Bill.

Members' concerns centred on how the legislation may potentially lead to the diminution of Council's position as a valuable consultee on local development proposals.

Committee agreed an outline response to the questions raised in the consultation and asked the Clerk and Chairman to finalise this in order to submit the response prior to the consultation deadline of 15 April 2016.

**RESOLVED that, in accordance with the draft agreed at the meeting, the Clerk and Chairman finalise Committee's response in order to submit this prior to the consultation deadline of 15 April 2016.**

**530. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported as having received notification from Waldon Telecom Ltd. of their proposal to apply for permission to install a 15m high monopole at Garrison Lane to provide a mobile radio base station for the EE and H3G networks.

**Committee noted the correspondence.**

**531. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 11.47am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 20 April 2016, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

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