# MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 9.15am

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr Jon Garfield (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr S Bird Cllr D Savage (to item 106d)

Cllr S Gallant Cllr S Wiles

Cllr Jan Garfield Cllr K Williams (from item 106)

Cllr G Newman

**OFFICERS:** Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)

Mrs L Monsen (Mayor's Secretary)

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of the Public.

# **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The Chairman advised members of the public present that should they wish to make representations in relation to particular planning applications, these would be heard by the Committee and they would be invited to speak immediately prior to the application being considered.

# 102. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for lateness were received from **CIIr K Williams**.

**Clir D Savage** gave apologies in advance of leaving the meeting at 10.40am in order to attend to other business.

# **103. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

# 104. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

# 105. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 29 June 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

# **106. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Cllr K Williams joined the meeting at this point.

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

The Chairman advised that an additional application not on the formal agenda was required to be considered by the Committee in order that comments could be received by SCDC before the closure date and that this would be taken first. At the direction of the Chairman, Committee received comments from a member of the public prior to the consideration of this following application:

DC/16/2416/FUL | One new dwelling with access and amenity space | 17a Beatrice Avenue

# Committee recommended REFUSAL on the following grounds:

- a) the proposals, if approved, would result in a cramped form of development in contravention of policy DM7(a);
- b) the proposed dwelling, being very different in style to the neighbouring properties, would not fit well in the street scene, therefore contravening policies DM7(c) and DM21(a);
- c) the close proximity and overlooking to the neighbour at 19 Beatrice Avenue would contravene policy DM23(a); and,
- d) similarly the loss of light amenity to a principle window at 2 Fairfield Avenue would be contrary to DM23(c); and,
- e) the proposal, if approved, would also greatly reduce the amenity space to the host property.

a DC/16/1970/FUL | Construction of 1 no dwelling | 31 Glemsford Close

Committee recommended APPROVAL.

b DC/16/2547/FUL | Vehicle repair centre and associated offices/new vehicular access to Carr Road and hardstanding areas R T J Trailers 16 Sunderland Road

#### Committee recommended APPROVAL.

Felixstowe Town Council remains wholly committed to the aims of policy FPP11 in avoiding heavy volumes of HGV movements in the Carr Road area. However, in the specific case of this site and its proposed used we believe an approval is appropriate in that:

 a) the use of trailer repair coupled with the owners intent to operate in conjunction with another site for storage of containers indicates that the volume of movements would be modest;

- b) the hours of operation are limited;
- c) it would allow a relatively low impact use of an otherwise derelict site;
- d) the applicants undertaking to improve recognised local issues in this area is welcomed; and,
- e) the intention is for the applicant to use their own vehicles for the collection and delivery of trailers.

The above should be subject to planning conditions. Committee would also request that local concerns about occasional surface water flooring are addressed.

DC/16/2433/COU | Change of use of two units from Class A3 to
 Amusement Arcade use for a limited period of up to 18 months while pier is being rebuilt | Sweet Treats & Thai Hut Undercliff Road West

Committee recommended APPROVAL.

# CIIr D Savage left the meeting at 10.40am.

d DC/16/2117/FUL | Extension of the existing entrance lobby Morrison Supermarket Grange Farm Avenue

Committee recommended APPROVAL.

e DC/16/2455/ADI | Store and Petrol Filling Station signage Morrison Supermarket Grange Farm Avenue

Committee recommended APPROVAL.

f DC/16/2634/FUL | Proposed two storey extension & associated alterations | Ravendale 31 Garrison Lane

Committee recommended APPROVAL.

DC/16/2629/FUL | To replace flat roof of front bay window with pitched roof. Replace with pitched roof to original rear extension. Change windows to shower/toilet and ensuite. | 5 Swallow Close

Committee recommended APPROVAL.

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DC/16/2644/VOC | Application to Vary Condition 2 of DC/15/0835/FUL
(Conversion of dwelling into 2no. flats) to approve the as built layout according to drawing sheets E.S/030/15A and E.S/040/15C.

35 Ranelagh Road

Committee were unable to determine this planning application as it was not possible to establish route of access and entry for flat 35a.

i DC/16/2688/TCA | Silver Birch - Fell due to excessive root growth undermining property, overgrown canopy shading structure and damaging existing drains. Single tree within rear garden of property 2.5m from rear of house. | 58 Orwell Road

Committee had no objections to this notification.

# 107. 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.

# 108. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee received the following items of correspondence and RESOLVED that they be noted:

- i. Suffolk County Council had confirmed approval of planning application SCC/0134/16C 'Extension and remodelling of Felixstowe Fire Station to provide accommodation for the Police Safe Neighbourhood Team and upgrading the accommodation and existing facilities for the on-call (Part time) Fire Station. External works to extend existing car park' at Felixstowe Fire Station, High Road West, Felixstowe; and,
- ii. Notice from Trimley St. Mary Parish Council of their intention to form a Neighbourhood Plan, and their invitation to submit any questions/comments regarding the plan. Members asked to be kept informed of any developments.

The Chairman advised that a date had been set for the hearing of the appeal ref. APP/J3530/W/15/3138710 (Land at Candlet Road). The Clerk undertook to report back to Committee on how the Town Council's representations in this case may be heard at the appeal.

# 109. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.47am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 27 July 2016, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

Date:	Chairman:	