

MINUTES of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on **Wednesday 14 December 2016** at **9.15am**

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 9 Members of the Public.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chairman, Cllr Andy Smith advised Committee that this was Mrs Rosemary Jones' last day of employment with Felixstowe Town Council. Cllr Smith paid tribute to the Estates Officer for her service in support of the Town Council's consideration of planning matters over the past 18 years.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chairman instructed that the Estates Officer would be providing a summary of the proposed amendments for DC/16/3776/ARM at item 365i and would permit public comments at that stage, prior to Committee's consideration of that application.

361. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Gallant** and **Cllr K Williams**.

362. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr A Smith Cllr S Bird Cllr D Savage	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 S Bird Cllr D Savage Cllr G Newman	365a	Local Non-Pecuniary (having previously awarded ECB/Locality Funding to the Football Club)
Cllr D Savage	365f	Pecuniary (as a close neighbour to the application property)

In declaring that her interest in item 365f was Pecuniary in nature, Cllr Savage advised that she should be leaving the chamber prior to and during the consideration of that item.

363. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

364. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

365. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In advance of consideration of item 365i (DC/16/3776/ARM) Committee heard representations from 5 members of the public outlining their reasons why they believed the application should be rejected.

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/16/4846/FUL New proprietary grand stand Felixstowe And Walton United Football Club Dellwood Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

b	DC/16/4470/FUL To install a CCTV camera on a mast no higher than 10m in the Clifflands Car Park. Please see note 1 on the Addendum Clifflands Car Park Cliff Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

c	DC/16/4801/FUL Proposed single-storey extension to rear of property 5 Picketts Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

d	DC/16/4918/FUL Garage & Workshop at rear of garden (domestic purposes). Garden room extension. Amended pavement crossover. 2m boundary wall to rear. 93 High Road East
Committee recommended REFUSAL. Whilst Committee had no objections to the garden room, it considered that the oversized and intrusive garage and workshop would cause damage to neighbour amenity and would lead to the unacceptable vehicle movements in the garden area.	

e	DC/16/4788/FUL To widen existing vehicular crossover. To extend property to provide entrance porch and utility room. 50 High Road East
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

At this point, Cllr D Savage left the room.

f	DC/16/4804/FUL Insertion of new window in east elevation. 20 High Beach
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

At this point, Cllr D Savage returned.

g	DC/16/4946/FUL Proposed enclosure of ground floor canopy formed by first floor Martello Place Golf Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

h	DC/16/4706/COU Change use from A1 to A3 2 Crescent Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

i	DC/16/3776/ARM Submission of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission DC/13/3069/OUT for the creation of 198 no. one, two, three and four bedroom houses and apartments, plus associated roads, paths, driveways, car parking, landscaping and public open space. Land West Of Ferry Road Residential Centre Ferry Road
<p>Committee considered the amendments to the Outline permission based primarily on those documents available in the public domain via the SCDC website prior to the meeting, namely those posted with a date created of 6/12/16 and before.</p> <p>However, we were informed of some later exchanges and amended documents made available to our Estates Officer on the day prior to the meeting. These were not in the public domain and hence Committee Members have not been able to examine and consider</p>	

these prior to the meeting, or critically for public comments thereon to be received.

Committee has endeavoured to take account of this later information but this cannot be said to have been an adequately informed debate. We therefore most strongly request that no report is prepared by SCDC for their Planning Committee until final comments have been received both from the Town Council at its next meeting on 11th January 2017, in the light of any comments received from the public at that time, based on any documents available on the SCDC website until 4th January at the latest, and in the same form as those to be presented to the SCDC Planning Committee.

However, in respect of the changes as we currently understand them; with reference to our previously submitted comments, Committee was pleased to see the significant changes to the Public Right of Way which give it a much improved and safer environment.

In respect of our other 5 comments, whilst we welcome the small improvement in the relation to the location of plots adjacent to the eastern part of Estuary Drive, we see nothing else in the amended plan which would cause us to change our existing view of the proposal.

Furthermore, in relation to realignment of plots 191-195 (revised plan R) the represent a deterioration in the amenity to nos. 78 and 76 Ferry Road. Hence reinforcing our overall concern about the plan.

Committee remains unclear and uneasy about drainage proposals, a matter on which there is significant public concern in light of previous local flooding issues and we request the SCDC take those in to careful and very specific consideration in the their discussions with the drainage authority.

Having considered the revised layout as published (revision R) Committee took the view that this cannot reasonably considered to be a minor amendment to the previous reserved matters application and we therefore request that the applicant be required to resubmit a full and detailed Reserved Matters application.

j	DC/16/4870/TPO Goat Willow (TPO T2) - to be felled; impractical position, restricting amenity space. Animal Welfare Centre 333 High Street Walton
Committee had NO OBJECTIONS subject to the works taking place under the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

366. 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.

367. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **DC/16/2778/OUT - Land North of Walton High Street.** Committee were advised that following consultation with the Chairman, the Clerk had not requested that this be referred to SCDC Planning Committee for consideration.

Committee NOTED the above correspondence and approved the action taken.

368. CLOSURE

Committee recorded a vote of thanks to Mrs Jones for her long service to the Council.

The meeting was closed at 11.56am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 11 January 2017, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

In accordance with approved delegation arrangements it was noted that the Clerk would respond to any consultations on behalf of the Town Council's Planning & Environment Committee, following consultation with the Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman, should consultation close before the next Planning & Environment Committee meeting (*Minute #346 of 2015/16 refers*).

Date: _____

Chairman: _____