

**MINUTES** of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on **Thursday 23 February 2017** at **9.15am**.

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

**OFFICERS:** Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)  
Mrs C Page (Planning Administration Officer)

**467. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr Jan Garfield** and **Cllr S Gallant**.

Apologies in advance of having to leave the meeting at 11am were received from **Cllr S Wiles**.

**468. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

| <b>Member(s)</b>             | <b>Minute No.</b> | <b>Nature of Interest</b>  |
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| Cllr S Bird<br>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 A Smith                 | 471(a)            | Local Non-Pecuniary (as the Chairman of Landguard Partnership)                                     |
| Cllr D Savage                | 471(a)            | Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of the Executive Committee of Landguard Partnership)              |
| Cllr G Newman                | 471(a)            | Local Non-Pecuniary (as Chairman of Felixstowe Travel Watch and a Member of Landguard Partnership) |

**469. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were none.

**470. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the **Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 8 February 2017** be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### 471. 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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| <b>a</b>  | <b>DC/17/0203/VLA</b>   Written request to vary the agreement pursuant to section 106 Town & Country Planning Act 1990, attached to planning consent C07/2350, Felixstowe South Reconfiguration (FSR), to permit the reclamation of approximately 3 hectares of seabed behind Berth 9 to enable the construction and operation of additional land for container storage and stacking without triggering certain obligations under the S106 agreement.<br><b>The Port Of Felixstowe Dock Road</b> |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL of the application subject to making available further land for public car parking and securing the future of the Landguard Visitors' Centre. In the view of the Committee, the mitigation work should still be provided.</b> |  |
| <b>b</b>  | <b>DC/17/0408/FUL and DC/17/0409/LBC</b>   Erection of single side extension ( following demolition of existing conservatory and outbuilding)<br><b>359 High Street Walton</b>   |
| <b>Having given consideration to the potential impact of the proposals on Smock Mill, the listed building, Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>  |  |
| <b>c</b>  | <b>DC/17/0350/FUL</b>   Proposed rear extension part 2 storey and part single storey<br><b>10 Newry Avenue</b>   |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>  |  |
| <b>d</b>  | <b>DC/17/0307/FUL</b>   Two storey rear extension. New render to existing house elevations.<br><b>106 Mill Lane</b>  |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>  |  |
| <b>e</b>  | <b>DC/17/0280/FUL</b>   Proposed Two Storey Side Extension<br><b>3 Whinyard Way</b>  |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>  |  |
| <b>f</b>  | <b>DC/17/0217/FUL</b>   Change of use from Wine Bar to domestic dwelling  <br><b>11 Granville Road</b>   |

**Committee recommended APPROVAL subject to agreement with Suffolk Coastal District Council that the façade treatment will be sympathetic to the Conservation Area, within which the property is located.**

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| <b>g</b>                              | <b>DC/17/0104/COU</b>   Change of use from offices to 1No 3 bedroom residential unit<br><b>155 Hamilton Road</b> |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL</b> |  |

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| <b>h</b>                              | <b>DC/17/0463/FUL</b>   Erection of an entrance canopy and glass screen over main pedestrian entrance, and erection of a small canopy over car park entrance on opposite side of building<br><b>Pavilion Court Hamilton Gardens</b> |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL</b> |   |

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| <b>i</b>                              | <b>DC/17/0253/VOC</b>   <b>Variation of Condition No.2 of DC/16/4011/FUL</b> - Construction of a Lidl foodstore together with customer access from Haven Exchange South and A154, landscaping, parking and associated engineering works - Remove reference to plans 15-1516/L, 12j and 20a and instead refer to plans 15-1516/12p and 20c<br><b>Land At Haven Exchange Haven Exchange South</b> |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL</b> |   |

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| <b>j</b>  | <b>DC/17/0364/FUL</b>   To provide dropped curb and vehicular crossing with parking in front garden.<br><b>5 Elizabeth Way</b> |
| <b>Committee recommended REFUSAL. Committee consider that applications of this kind contribute towards an increasing concern with the paving over of front gardens in the town and a resulting loss of on-street parking. Committee also question the proposed use of block pavements as an appropriate SUDS treatment.</b> |  |

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| <b>k</b>   | <b>DC/17/0326/TCA</b>   2no. Lime (Garfield Rd frontage)- crown reduce by 30% 1no. Ash (Victoria Rd frontage) - crown lift by 1.5m.<br><b>Saville Court Victoria Road</b> |
| <b>Committee had NO OBJECTIONS to the proposed works subject to the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer.</b> |   |

**472. 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.

#### **473. CHANGE OF USE FOR SEAFRONT SHELTERS**

Committee considered the above consultation and further comments received from Town Councillors.

Committee agreed that the Edwardian character of the seafront shelters are an important part the Town's heritage and their design should be preserved as far as is practicably possible. Members advised that it was crucial for the shelters to retain some sheltered public seating as it was recognised that this is part of an essential all year round tourist offer. Members requested that, before any proposals for additional uses – which in any case must be complementary to the tourism offer – for these shelters are formally considered by SCDC, to meet with the relevant officers to discuss specific proposals for these two and the other Felixstowe shelters.

**It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should refer the above comments to SCDC and request a meeting to discuss further.**

It being 11am, Cllr S Wiles left the meeting.

#### **474. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) **Appeal ref. APP/J3530/W/15/3138710 (Land at Candlet Road).** The Clerk advised that the Town Council had been invited to give further views on the Candlet Road appeal currently being considered by the Secretary of State in the light of recent developments. Members asked that the Clerk respond with reference to recent approvals for significant housing developments in the area and the formal adoption of the Felixstowe Peninsula Area Action Plan in January 2017.
- b) **2018 Boundary Review - Eastern Region.** Notice that The Boundary Commission for England was due to publish the responses received to their initial proposals for new constituency boundaries on Tuesday 28 February 2017. Comments would be invited on these representations until Monday 27 March 2017. The Clerk advised that this matter would be brought to Committee at the next meeting with any recommendation to be given to the Council meeting of the same evening.

#### **475. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 11.10am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

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