

**MINUTES** of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on **Wednesday 6 September 2017** at **9.15am**.

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

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

**186. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

**187. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**188. 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 S Bird Cllr G Newman Cllr S Wiles	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk County Council)

**189. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were none.

**190. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the **Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 23 August 2017** be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**191. 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/17/3350/FUL</b>   Replacement windows and doors. <b>Flat 3 Ranelagh Court Ranelagh Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>b</b>	<b>DC/17/3539/COU</b>   Proposed Change of use of first floor residential flat to commercial use by funeral service. <b>Montreal House 126 High Road West</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL</b>	
<b>c</b>	<b>DC/17/3541/TCA</b>   To fell 2no. Lime and 1no. Sycamore to front of Flat 1 in communal area. <b>Flat 1 52 Princes Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended that SCDC consider a Tree Preservation Order for this group of three trees as they provide significant amenity for the area and Members did not agree that their complete felling was needed.</b>	

## **192. 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.

## **193. STREET NAMING & NUMBERING – 197 DWELLINGS, LAND OFF FERRY ROAD**

Committee considered street naming for the above development and agreed that they could be linked to farms, given its proximity to existing and historic farmlands. The Planning Administration Officer confirmed that the Felixstowe Society had been consulted and whilst they had no specific views they were also supportive of this theme.

**It was RESOLVED** that the street names should be based on a theme linking with current and historic farms with further consideration to be given to specific names for the three blocks at the next meeting prior to submitting a recommendation to Suffolk Coastal District Council.

## **194. CONSULTATION: SCDC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – ISSUES & OPTIONS**

Members considered its approach to the SCDC Local Plan Review, Issues and Options Consultation, which runs to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**It was RESOLVED** to seek delegated authority from Council at the 13<sup>th</sup> September meeting to lead and respond on its behalf, reporting back to advise of the response at the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 meeting.

## 195. CORRESPONDENCE

Members were advised of the following correspondence:

### a) **Reinstatement of Highways, Hamilton Road**

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Suffolk County Council following the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to seek a response on the matter of poor quality re-instatement of paving slabs following highways works carried out in the Shared Space area. Members noted that no response had been received to date and this had therefore been chased up. The Clerk was asked to advise the member of the public who had brought this matter to Committee's attention that the Leader of Suffolk County Council would be attending a public event in Felixstowe on 7<sup>th</sup> September from 11am – 1pm. The Clerk advised that the matter would also be on the agenda of the 19<sup>th</sup> September Highways Advisory Committee meeting.

### b) **Litter Strategy for England**

The Planning Administration Officer presented a paper produced by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils giving information on the Government's Litter Strategy published in April 2017. Members requested that the Clerk write to the Chairman of the LGA Environment, Economy, Housing and Transport Board to bring attention to the fact that there appeared to be little representation afforded to town and parish councils, given that these authorities would be on the frontline for litter complaints and enquiries.

### c) **Land at Candlet Road – DC/15/1128/OUT – Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government appeal decision letter**

Members considered the appeal decision letter from the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government. Members were dismayed by the result of the appeal and requested that the Clerk write to Suffolk Coastal District Council to ask how they propose to protect the district from further speculative developments and to recommend that they seek alternative legal advice as to whether a Judicial Review should be instigated in this case.

**RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted.**

## 196. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.29am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 20 September 2017, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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