

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 9.15am.

PRESENT: Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr Jon Garfield
Cllr A Bird Cllr M Jepson
Cllr S Gallant Cllr G Newman
Cllr Jan Garfield Cllr D Savage

OFFICERS: Mr A Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)
Mrs S Morrison (Planning Administration Assistant)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Abbott (Felixstowe Chamber of Trade & Commerce)
5 members of the public
(from Item 314) Mr M Edgerley (Principle Planning Policy Officer, SCDC)

306. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman advised that he would invite members of the public to make representations immediately prior to the consideration of any application they sought to comment on.

307. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

308. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
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	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk County Council)

309. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

310. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 24 October 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

311. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the direction of the Chairman, Committee heard from members of the public attending in relation to application (d) below. Committee noted public concerns on proximity of the house to No 2 Springfield Avenue, and the streetscene for Springfield Avenue.

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/18/4246/FUL Change of Use to provide 5 No Dwellings Abbeyfield House 53 Orwell Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

b	DC/18/4314/FUL Proposed 2-storey extension and alterations. 2 Foxgrove Gardens
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

c	DC/18/4335/FUL Change of use of dental surgery to residential including new frontage 9 Cobbold Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

d	DC/18/4303/FUL Single storey dwelling on land at rear of garden including new access for donor house. Site fronts to Springfield Avenue Land Rear Of 36 Fairfield Avenue, Fronting Springfield Avenue
Committee recommended REFUSAL. Whilst the Committee recognises that properties of this kind are desirable, it believes that the placement of this property – within 0.8m of the footway on Springfield Avenue - would be obtrusive, out of character and seriously detract from the street-scene, from both perspectives of Fairfield Avenue and Springfield Avenue.	

e	DC/18/4100/FUL Single storey rear and side extension with flat roof. The existing kitchen, utility room and cloakroom will be made into an open plan kitchen / garden room. The existing chimney in the current kitchen will need to be removed and supporting steel used to take the weight, in addition support brackets will need to be installed for the
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	chimney in the room above the current kitchen. The existing drains will need to be re-routed to accommodate. 72 Ranelagh Road
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Committee recommend APPROVAL

f	DC/18/3576/FUL To change window to enlarge and introduce skylights to proposed Dining Area 2 Merryfields 7 Mill Lane
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Committee recommend APPROVAL

h	DC/18/4247/FUL Installation of new Timpson's Retail Unit Morrison Supermarket Grange Farm Avenue
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Committee recommend APPROVAL

i	DC/18/4253/FUL Conversion of front garden area into 4 space car park Cliff House Chevalier Road
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Committee recommend REFUSAL on the basis that this is an iconic development at the core of the Edwardian Felixstowe Conservation Area. The front garden is a highly significant to the street-scene and character in this area and not to be used for parking. We believe the parking arrangements in the original application, after much discussion, are adequate.

j	DC/18/4243/FUL Proposed new boundary fence 28 Upperfield Drive
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Committee recommend APPROVAL

k	DC/18/4394/TCA Rear garden T1 Sycamore (<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>) - Remove 3 low lateral limbs and reduce the height and spread of the canopy by approximately 2.5 -3 metres T2 Horse chestnut (<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>) - Remove 3 low limbs and re-pollard back to previous points 4 Northcliffe Court
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Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer

I **DC/18/4306/TCA** | To sectionally fell and remove T1 Silver birch tree and T2 red birch tree. Both are in poor condition due to being badly pruned.
4 College Green

Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer

312. 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

313. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee noted correspondence refusing the Council's application for CILs funded projects. The Committee also noted the referral of DC/17/3912/FUL 64 Hamilton Road.

314. SUFFOLK COASTAL LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Committee received an update from Mr Mark Edgerley (SCDC Principle Planning Policy Officer) following the District Council's consultation on the Local Plan First Draft. It was noted that around 3,000 comments had been received from 1,300 people. Mr Edgerley advised that the Planning Policy team were now in the process of evolving the final draft Plan in light of the comments they had received.

Committee discussed the Town Council's response to the Local Plan First Draft, in particular the emerging policies for the North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood and the leisure centre.

Members thanked Mr Edgerley for attending and RESOLVED to note the update.

315. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 12.52am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 21 November 2018, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____