

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 9.15am.

PRESENT: Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr G Newman
Cllr Jan Garfield Cllr D Savage
Cllr Jon Garfield

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

467. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

468. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr N Barber, Cllr S Bird, Cllr S Gallant, Cllr M Jepson and Cllr K Williams.**

469. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

| Member(s) | Minute No. | Nature of Interest |
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| Cllr D Savage Cllr A Smith | 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 | 472(f) | Pecuniary (as the application affects trees visible from home residence) |

In declaring that his interest in item 472(f) was Pecuniary in nature, Cllr Smith advised that he would leave the Chamber prior to and during the consideration of that item.

470. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

471. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 30 January 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

472. 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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| a | DC/19/0264/FUL Construct a single storey 2.2m garage extension with a mono pitch roof, onto the already existing garage. New fenestration includes a door and a window on the West (side) elevation and a modern insulated garage door will be installed on the South (front) elevation (similar to the existing garage entrance). 2 Fairfield Avenue |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL. | |
| b | DC/19/0341/FUL Proposed 2-storey extension and alterations. 2 Foxgrove Gardens |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL | |
| c | DC/19/0392/FUL Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage and two storey rear extension 61 Looe Road |
| Committee recommended REFUSAL due to concerns over significant loss of evening light to neighbours to the east, possibly in contravention of SPG16. | |
| d | DC/19/0233/FUL To Hardi-Plank Front and side walls as far as garage/outbuilding 43 Rosemary Avenue |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL. | |
| e | DC/19/0435/TPO To pollard T1 Lime in communal area (part of W1 in TPO) to 6-7m. because of canopy bias and lean towards residential property (69 Tower Road). 69 Tower Road |
| Committee had NO OBJECTIONS to the proposed works subject to the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer | |

At this point, 9.43am, Cllr A Smith left Chamber.

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Cllr D Savage was elected in the Chair for the following item.

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| f | DC/19/0259/TPO Trees in rear garden of property - G1 lower branch removal due to shading/ongoing maintenance required for health of trees 9 Foxgrove Gardens |
| Committee had NO OBJECTIONS to the proposed works subject to the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer | |

Cllr A Smith returned to the meeting at 9.50am.

Cllr A Smith in the Chair.

473. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted that one of the applications, a proposed brickwork boundary at Friarscroft, Marcus Road, had been refused by SCDC despite the Committee's recommendation to approve. Committee considered the proposal to be in keeping with nearby boundary treatments and offered a benefit to public amenity given the current hedge intruded on the public footpath.

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; and, the Clerk to write to Suffolk Coastal District Council outlining Committee's disappointment ref. refusal of DC/18/4833/FUL, Friarscroft, Marcus Road, and copying in the applicant

474. SCDC LOCAL PLAN FINAL DRAFT CONSULTATION

Committee considered the SCDC Local Plan Final Draft Consultation.

Members broadly supported the aspirations of the Plan but identified several issues of concern in the Final Draft which were deemed significant. The Clerk advised, therefore, that the Town Council's response should be submitted on the basis that the Plan in its current form could not be considered sound until these outstanding concerns had been addressed. In so doing, Suffolk Coastal District Council would have the opportunity to outline to the Planning Inspector any minor modifications they may be prepared to make to the Local Plan in light of the Town Council's concerns.

Following a brief discussion, Committee finalised the Town Council's response.

RESOLVED that the response be approved on behalf of Felixstowe Town Council, circulated to all Town Councillors, submitted to SCDC and published online.

475. EDF ENERGY SIZEWELL C CONSULTATION

The Chairman advised that there were ongoing discussions taking place relating to Sizewell C proposed rail-led and road-led options transport matters.

As transport matters were deemed to be the most relevant aspect of EDF's plans to Felixstowe and further information was expected in the forthcoming week, it was agreed to defer this agenda item to the following meeting.

RESOLVED that this item be carried forward to the next meeting on 27th February 2019 for further consideration.

476. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

477. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.34 am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 27 February 2019, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____