

**MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 9.15am.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Smith (Chairman)                      Cllr M Jepson  
                 Cllr S Bird    Cllr M Morris  
                 Cllr S Bennett                                        Cllr D Savage  
                 Cllr S Gallant                                        Cllr S Wiles

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr R Abbott  
                              7 Members of the public

**406. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**407. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr K Williams**

**408. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Gallant Cllr S Wiles	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Wiles	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of Suffolk County Council)

No Pecuniary Interests were declared, and no dispensations were requested.

**409. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 8 January 2020 to be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**410. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Committee considered the following planning applications received since the last meeting and **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations to East Suffolk Council:

a	<p><b>DC/19/5049/FUL   Redevelopment of site to provide new clubhouse and new public facilities to include cafe, putting green, toilets and viewing platform, improved access, parking, 5 detached dwellings and associated landscaping, relocation of existing watch tower - existing clubhouse and pro-shop buildings to be demolished</b></p> <p><b>Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club Ferry Road</b></p>
<p><b>Committee has carefully considered all the aspects of this application, including the relationship with the AONB, the attractive and welcome facility that this new development would provide and other issues, and are therefore pleased to recommend APPROVAL for the development.</b></p> <p><b>In particular, we welcome the modern and environmentally friendly design elements, including the proposed ground source heat pump, PV panels, provision of EV charging points, permeable surfacing and green roof.</b></p> <p><b>However, there are some minor issues of concern:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The landscaping of the front gardens of the houses on the bend in the road should be designed to ensure clear views for traffic exiting the three driveways.</b></li> <li>• <b>We ask that very clear signage be provided in relation to the shared access arrangements for vehicles visiting the golf club and leaving the public car park, so that visitors are aware from the road that there is no entrance to the Clifflands public car park.</b></li> <li>• <b>We understand that the planting in the vicinity of the viewing platform will not obscure the view. The drawings of the platform do not indicate its height. We believe that it will offer step-free access, but request that this be confirmed.</b></li> <li>• <b>The proposed new café will be a welcome new facility for the town; however, currently there is no dedicated public disabled parking proximate to that location. We would ask that ESC consider providing this.</b></li> <li>• <b>We note that the drawings show knee-railing to be installed in keeping with existing arrangements, but the drawings do not indicate that they continue for the entire length of the public car park, as currently exists. We assume that this will not be changed by ESC.</b></li> </ul>	

<b>b</b>	<p><b>DC/20/0062/LBC</b>   Application for a new Listed Building Consent to replace existing Listed Building Consent DC/16/2820/LBC to allow for the demolition of existing buildings, the conversion and reconstruction of curtilage listed stable buildings to B1 business use and enhancements to the curtilage of 362 High Street. Listed building consent required to support the extant planning permission for the demolition of existing buildings and the phased construction of up to 385 dwellings, new public open space and a new link road and linear park between Walton High Street and Candlet Road the conversion of curtilage listed stables to B1 business use, together with associated infrastructure (ref: DC/16/2778/OUT).</p> <p><b>Land North Of Walton High Street</b></p>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL</b></p>	

<b>c</b>	<p><b>DC/20/0090/FUL</b>   Proposed single storey rear extension <b>89 King Street</b></p>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b></p>	

**411. PLANNING DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED** that the decisions received from East Suffolk Council since the date of the previous agenda and up until the date of the agenda for this meeting be noted.

**412. CONSULTATION: ENGLAND COAST PATH FINAL PROPOSALS – SHOTLEY GATE TO FELIXSTOWE FERRY**

Members noted the consultation by Natural England on final proposals for the England Coast Path from Shotley Gate to Felixstowe Ferry. The Clerk agreed to circulate the link to the full proposal documents for Members to study in greater detail for further discussion at the next meeting prior to a response being drafted for submission in advance of the 11 March 2020 deadline.

**RESOLVED** that the consultation be noted and considered at the next meeting.

**413. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Committee NOTED** the following correspondence:

- i) **Appeal ref. APP/J3530/X/18/3216462 Unit 11, Haven Exchange**  
The Clerk advised that the Planning Inspector had dismissed the appeal.

ii) **Felixstowe War Memorial**

Notification from the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport that the War Memorial had been added to the list of buildings of special architectural or historic under section 1 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 on 15th January 2020.

iii) **Felixstowe Country Park Group**

The Clerk advised Members of a meeting invitation from the FCPG to discuss their aspirations for a country park within the North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood development proposals.

iv) **DC/19/1907/FUL 14 Marine Parade Walk**

Notice of Appeal had been received for this site. The Clerk in consultation with the Chairman has submitted further detailed comments to the Inspector in respect of the written Appeal process.

v) **DC/19/4233/FUL Mannings Amusements**

This application had been submitted for referral in respect of a 3rd party objection but remains to be determined by delegated authority. The Committee had requested that the use classes of the units be restricted to resort uses, but this was not mentioned in the officer's draft report. The chairman requested clarification of this from the case officer, which was confirmed, Also resulting from that correspondence was a matter raised by SCC Highways: a proposal that in order to improve pedestrian and traffic safety following further intensification of use at this busy location, a kerb buildout be provided, similar to those installed further north some years ago. It was agreed that FTC would support that, and the Chairman undertook to confirm this with ESC.

**414. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 11.46am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 5 February 2020, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

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

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