

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 9.15am.

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr D Aitchison
 Mr J Barnes, Generator Optima (Ferry Road) Ltd
 Mr R Abbott
 2 Members of the public

425. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

426. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Gallant, Cllr M Morris** and **Cllr K Williams**.

427. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bird 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.

428. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 22 January 2020 to be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

429. 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	DC/20/0160/FUL The proposal is a 2 storey Public House. On the site of an old GP practice which has been demolished 201 Hamilton Road
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Committee warmly welcomed this application and were pleased to note that its previous concerns in respect of proposals for this site have been largely addressed in this latest iteration.

Committee therefore recommended APPROVAL, subject to the following considerations:

- i. we would support the Arboricultural Officer’s view that trees should be re-provided on site and replacements be appropriately selected to be best suited for the town centre environment. This should result in no net loss of trees overall, ideally an increase;**
- ii. we seek assurance that, any signage on the northern elevation be non-illuminated;**
- iii. we note that para 7.4 of the Applicant’s Transport Statement says: “*Cycle parking provision is proposed for the use and can be provided within the development.*” However, we were unable to identify any cycle parking facilities within the plans and would wish to see such provision incorporated, for both staff and customers; and,**
- iv. we note that, at time of consideration, no comment from SCC Highways had been received. Committee seeks assurance that proposed access arrangements will not necessitate delivery vehicles having to take a wide track as they exit the site onto Hamilton Road the site, in order to eliminate potential conflict with oncoming traffic.**

Overall, Committee was pleased to note that the design of the building was appropriate for the setting, allowing for a positive interface with Gt. Eastern Square. Members look forward to this development commencing, the consequent improvement of this derelict site and additional jobs created as a result.

b	DC/20/0220/FUL Construction of new dwelling on land forming part of the curtilage of the existing dwelling 5 South Hill
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Committee recommended APPROVAL

c	DC/19/4528/OUT Residential development of 9 units, alterations to existing vehicular access and associated external works and parking. Land At Junction With Garrison Lane And High Road West
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
d	DC/20/0282/AME Non-Material Amendment on Application DC/16/3776/ARM (Submission of reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission DC/13/3069/OUT for the creation of 197 no. one, two, three and four bedroom houses and apartments, plus associated roads, paths, driveways, car parking, landscaping and public open space.) Land West Of Ferry Road Residential Centre Ferry Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
e	DC/20/0250/FUL A rear single storey extension onto existing bungalow 16 Ferndown Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
f	DC/20/0170/FUL Proposed Garage 70 Cobbold Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
g	DC/20/0257/FUL Insert a Dormer window into an attic room at the rear of the house on the 2nd floor 32 Victoria Street
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
h	DC/20/0232/FUL We plan to host weddings/civil ceremonies and also the wedding breakfast/after parties. This will be using three communal/shared rooms within Harvest House. No changes will be made to extend or alter the building in anyway. Harvest House 1 Cobbold Road
Having considered all relevant matters of concern, including those relating to car parking, Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
i	DC/20/0186/TPO Lime tree next to the Sweet Chestnut tree in the front garden of the property to be re-Pollarded. Pruning cuts will be made just above previous pruning cuts. 48 Tower Road
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

430. 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.

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

Following consideration of the consultation on Natural England's Coast Path Proposals from Shotley Gate to Felixstowe Ferry, Committee **RESOLVED** to submit the follow comments:

Felixstowe Town Council welcomes and supports Natural England's proposed coastal path route within the parish of Felixstowe.

432. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee NOTED the following correspondence:

- i) Refusal ref. APP/X3540/W19/3240116 – Land adjacent 53 Wentworth Drive**
Committee noted the appeal.

- ii) Decision Notice (Refusal) DC/19/2948/FUL – 55-57 Hamilton Road**
Committee were disappointed to note that this application had been refused by ESC and the decision to determine the application under delegated authority, without notification to FTC of a "minded to refuse" submission to the referral panel.

- iii) Decision Notice (Approval) DC/19/4233/FUL Mannings Amusements**
Committee were pleased to note that the decision notice approving the application had conditioned individual Planning Use Classes for each unit on the site, which were either A1, A3 or A5.

433. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.20am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 19 February 2020, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____