

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 3 July 2019 at 9.15am.

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

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

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Cllr S Wiles and **Cllr M Jepson** gave apologies in advance of needing to leave the meeting at 10.50 and 11.40 respectively.

102. 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)

As no Pecuniary declarations were made, there were no requests for dispensation.

103. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

104. 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/19/1762/FUL Proposed development of infill site consisting of 4No. one bedroom flats and 3 two bedroom flats (7No. flats in total) over four floors, inclusive of rooms in the roof. Conversion of launderette to extend existing house of multiple occupation to create three additional en suite bedrooms on the ground floor and relocate the kitchen to the basement
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	with new boiler room created 6, 8 And 10 Manning Road
	<p>The Town Council greatly welcomes this application in principle. It provides much needed accommodation to a high quality and is of exceptionally sympathetic design in its relationship to the Conservation Area.</p> <p>However, regard must be had to the flood history of this area, which was flooded to a depth of 1-2m in 1953 and the potential of increasingly severe storms and tidal surges due to climate change. As has been practice in this area of Felixstowe for some 15 years, we believe it is unacceptable to provide sleeping accommodation on the ground floor or individual units of accommodation with no immediate access to the first floor as an escape route. We believe that the concept of this development could easily be redesigned to accommodate these issues. It is therefore with great regret that we must strongly request that the application be REFUSED in its current form.</p>

b	DC/19/2397/DRC Discharge of Condition(s) 4,5,6,7,10 of planning permission DC/17/3986/FUL (Proposed dwelling) Land At Candlet Grove
Committee NOTED the application to discharge the conditions.	

c	DC/19/2462/FUL Two storey Front, Rear and Side extension with proposed swimming pool Marsh End 283 Ferry Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL for the redevelopment of the main building in accordance with the drawings. However, we note that the application mentions a swimming pool – for which no drawings were provided and are therefore unable to recommend approval for that element.	

d	DC/19/2434/OUT Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - Construction of one dwelling on land forming side gardens Land Adjacent Fourwinds Golf Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL,	

e	DC/19/2332/LBC The installation of a circular glazed lift. Involving the removal of approximately 1m diameter hole in the lounge floor to Unit 10. Plots B10 & B19 The Bartlet Undercliff Road East
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

f	DC/19/2310/FUL Rear and side extension 111 St Andrews
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
g	DC/19/1524/FUL Proposed part two storey/part first floor side extension. 6 Gleneagles Close
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
h	DC/19/2348/FUL Single Storey Front and Rear Extensions 22 Roman Way
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
i	DC/19/2497/FUL Two storey side extension 3 Holbrook Crescent
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
j	DC/19/2443/FUL Front porch 30 St Georges Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
k	DC/19/2126/FUL Replacement of 6 sash windows and 2 doors in UPVC styles match existing Apartment 9 Martello Place Golf Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
l	DC/19/2402/TCA Mature Sycamore to rear of Somerton Court - to reduce to previous pruning points (70% reduction) at request of building insurance company. Somerton Court 10 Hamilton
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

m	<p>DC/19/2457/TCA 1 No. Ash Tree in the rear garden of the property. I propose to crown reduce this tree by 30% to contain the tree in the space it was planted & allow more light in to neighbouring gardens. This is the only tree in the garden.</p> <p>22 Barton Road</p>
<p>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.</p>	

n	<p>DC/19/2469/TCA 1 No. Ash tree to be felled and removed. The tree is showing signs of die back and has a large quantity of dead wood in the crown. The tree is located to the left hand side of the building with the sea behind you. It is adjacent to the driveway and pedestrian access.</p> <p>Hamilton Court 6 Hamilton Gardens</p>
<p>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.</p>	

105. 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.

At this point, 10.50am, Cllr S Wiles left the meeting.

106. SUFFOLK COASTAL LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION

During consideration of this item, at 11.40am, Cllr M Jepson left the meeting.

Committee noted Mr Philip Lewis had been appointed as Planning Inspector to examine the soundness of the Suffolk Coastal Plan. Committee considered the possibility of attend the Hearings based on the matters raised by the Town Council in its submission to the Local Plan consultation. It was agreed that the Chairman or Vice-Chairman would attend certain hearings if available, otherwise a written response could be made. It was agreed that the content of any representations to the Inspector from the Committee would be considered over the next two meetings prior.

RESOLVED that the Clerk register the Committee's intention to attend the public hearings; and, that representations to the Inspector from the Committee to be considered over the next two meetings.

107. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CONSULTATION: DRAFT NATIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL EROSION RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Chairman tabled a draft response to the consultation which focused on the need for a greater co-ordinated multi-disciplinary strategy in preparing for the future, which was noted as highly relevant for Felixstowe, as bordered by the sea and the Orwell and Deben rivers. Committee strongly supported the core

principles outlined in the draft strategy and thanked the Chairman for preparing the submission.

RESOLVED that the draft response be approved and submitted to the Environment Agency.

108. CORRESPONDENCE

APP/J3530/D/19/3224173 – 28 Upperfield Drive

Committee noted that the above appeal had been dismissed by the Planning Inspector.

109. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 12.20 am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 17 July, 2019, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____