

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 9.15am.

PRESENT: Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr S Gallant
 Cllr S Bird (Vice-Chairman) Cllr M Jepson
 Cllr S Bennett Cllr K Williams

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr D Aitchison
 Mr I Woodford, ESC Assets Management

506. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

507. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr M Morris, Cllr D Savage** and **Cllr S Wiles**.

506. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Gallant Cllr M Jepson	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bird	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of Suffolk County Council)

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

507. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 4 March 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

508. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman invited Mr I Woodford, ESC Assets Management, to address the Committee in relation to application (a) below. Mr Woodford provided an overview of the trial being proposed and a visual representation of scheme.

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

a	DC/20/0953/FUL Trial for demountable block to create a sand platform between groyn 104 and 105 at the Spa, Felixstowe. Land At Felixstowe Beach Undercliff Road
The Committee considered the proposal in the long term and the short term. Committee recommended APPROVAL for the trial.	

b	DC/20/0818/FUL Erection of detached dwelling Land To The Rear Of 9 To 15 York Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

c	DC/20/0726/FUL Construction of a detached chalet bungalow with parking for new development and existing 130 Mill Lane 130 Mill Lane
<p>Committee recommended REFUSAL on the grounds of its unsatisfactory relationship with adjacent properties, specifically thereby not complying with:</p> <p>DM7: Developments should</p> <p>(a) not result in a cramped form of development out of character with the area or street scene,</p> <p>(b) not result in significantly reduced residential amenity, leading to loss of privacy to the host dwelling,</p> <p>(c) be well related to adjacent properties and not designed in isolation,</p> <p>(d) ensure appropriate provision is made for reasonable size curtilage for the existing buildings and proposed dwelling,</p> <p>And</p> <p>DM 23 e) the resulting physical relationship with other properties would not be detrimental to those properties.</p>	

d	DC/20/1040/FUL Demolition of existing modern conservatory at the rear of the house and replacement with a single storey extension 18 Berners Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

e	DC/20/0906/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension with loft conversion 154 High Road West
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
f	DC/20/1076/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension 23 Tomline Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
g	DC/20/0884/FUL Rear Extension Linden House 28A Bath Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
h	DC/20/0854/FUL Single storey side extension 22 Ascot Drive
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
i	DC/20/1087/TCA Trees on southern rear boundary: 5no. Holm Oak to be re-pollardd to previous pollard points. 1no. Contorted Willow to be felled to allow space for adjacent Cherry to grow on Martello Place Golf Road
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	
j	DC/20/0777/TCA T1 - Yew - reduce the crown height by approx. 0.5-1m and lateral spread by 1-1.2m to contain at a suitable size for the location and reduce risk of failure in adverse weather conditions The Gatehouse Maybush Lane
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	
k	DC/20/1078/TCA Sycamore (T1) - Fell because of significant die back Apple (T2) - Reduce height and width by 1.5 metres Apple (T3) - Reduce height and width by 1.5 metres Privet (T4) - Pollard at 2 metres Holm Oak (T5) - Re-pollard back to previous points 3 Hamilton Gardens
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

509. 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.

510. EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL PARKING CONSULTATION

Committee considered East Suffolk Council's Off-Street Parking Order consultation.

After a discussion, it was RESOLVED that the Town Council's response to the consultation be as follows:

Felixstowe Town Council has carefully reviewed East Suffolk Council's proposed Off-Street Parking Order and requests that "£1 up to one hour" be added to the tariff at Crescent Road, Highfield Road and Ranelagh Road car parks, to provide a flexible offer in support of the town centre. It was noted that this tariff was proposed for some other car parks in the district.

The Town Council also requests confirmation from East Suffolk Council that the net revenue from the Landguard car parks are to be ringfenced and used to support the Landguard Partnership, which included the Fort and Museum.

511. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee NOTED the following:

- i) **DC/19/4442/FUL - 1 College Green.** The Chairman reported that ESC had confirmed that the proposed resin cladding to the exterior of the house had been removed from the application. Given that the Committee's concerns had centred on the contribution made to the Conservation Area by the wooden detailing of properties in College Green, it was agreed that ESC should be advised that no further representation by the Town Council would be sought on the application at this time.

512. CLOSURE

In accordance with Government advice in respect of the coronavirus pandemic, it was agreed that all further meetings would be suspended at this time.

Delegation arrangements for responding to planning applications in lieu of continuing the current meeting schedule were discussed.

It was RESOLVED that:

- i. **All currently scheduled meetings of the Planning & Environment Committee to be suspended until further notice;**

- ii. The Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Kimberley Williams, to be delegated the authority to submit recommendations to East Suffolk Council or other relevant authority, in respect of planning applications, or other proposals, that would usually be considered by a meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee, until the next time the Committee meets or as Council may otherwise determine;**
- iii. To support Member engagement with the process, a weekly list of planning applications for consideration forming the Agenda will be circulated via email on a Thursday. This will also be published on our website, with public comments invited. A summary of the applications, alongside any material planning matters that are perceived to be relevant, will then follow. Members will then be invited to make any comments/observations and recommendations via email. The Clerk, Planning Administration Officer, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Williams will review proposals and comments via conference call on a Wednesday morning; and,**
- iv. A summary of recommendations submitted under this delegated authority will be circulated as Minutes, alongside the next Agenda, on a Thursday.**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be convened in accordance with national advice. Members and the public to be notified.

The meeting was closed at 12.22 pm.
