

**MINUTES of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 9.15am.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr M Jepson  
Cllr S Bird (Vice Chairman) Cllr M Morris  
Cllr S Bennett (*to item 182*) Cllr D Savage  
Cllr S Gallant Cllr K Williams

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr M Deacon  
Mr P Brown, Head of Construction, EJ Taylor

**177. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**178. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Wiles**.

**Cllr M Jepson** gave apologies in advance of needing to leave the meeting at 10.15 to attend other business.

**179. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

| <b>Member(s)</b>                               | <b>Minute No.</b> | <b>Nature of Interest</b>                                   |
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| Cllr S Bird<br>Cllr S Gallant<br>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.

**180. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 28 August 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**181. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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| <b>a</b>   | <b>DC/19/3295/FUL</b>   Side & front extensions, new cladding, new facade, new canopies, relocation of doors and screens<br><b>Felixstowe Snooker Club 21 Sea Road</b>   |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>   |  |
| <b>b</b>   | <b>DC/19/3158/FUL with DC/19/3159/LBC</b>   Listed Building Consent - 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.<br><b>Harvest House 1 Cobbold Road</b> |
| <b>Having considered all relevant matters of concern, including those relating to car parking, Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b> |  |
| <b>c</b>   | <b>DC/19/3366/FUL</b>   To remove roof to two storey side extension and replace with pitched roof.<br><b>22 Lansdowne Road</b>   |
| <b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>   |  |

At this point in proceedings, 10.15am, Cllr M Jepson left the meeting.

## **182. 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.

## **183. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Committee noted the following correspondence received:**

### **i. Proposed Footpath Closure at Ferry Road, Felixstowe**

The Clerk brought Committee's attention to correspondence received between Mr P Brown, Head of Construction for EJ Taylor and SCC Highways in relation to the contractor's request to temporarily close and relocate the footpath crossing the Ferry Road development site whilst services were installed. At the direction of the Chairman Mr Brown updated the Committee confirming that they would be able to provide an alternative route for the footpath to the northern end of the site. However, it was known that SCC Highways were not satisfied by the alternative route proposed. Mr Brown advised that he expected to be able to reopen the footpath around March 2020.

**Members agreed that due to the phasing of the works and the need to protect public safety during construction in the vicinity of the existing footpath, its temporary closure and relocation should be supported. The Clerk was asked to write to SCC Highways in support of the proposal, with the expectation that the contractor ensure the alternative route be accessible for all users.**

**ii. Examination of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan**

Cllr S Bird updated Committee following his attendance on behalf of the Town Council at the 3 September Suffolk Coastal Local Plan hearing. Cllr S Bennett reported that he had also attended as an observer. Following a discussion, the Clerk advised that East Suffolk Council's Planning Policy Officer had indicated that they would be seeking further views from Committee on matters relating to vehicular access in the proposed North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood policy.

**Committee noted the update.**

**184. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 10.58am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 25 September 2019, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

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