

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held
ONLINE on Wednesday 8 July 2020 at 9.15am**

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

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

110. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

111. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from **Cllr K Williams**.

112. 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 Cllr S Wiles	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk County Council)

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

113. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 1 July 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

Committee asked that the Council's response to the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation to be published on the Town Council website for residents to see.

114. 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/20/2236/FUL Alterations and extensions including new roof to facilitate formation of first floor accommodation 2 St Andrews Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
B	DC/20/2159/FUL Extend ground floor area to side of house and erect first floor bedroom over existing and extended ground floor area 10 Gulpher Cottages Gulpher Road
Committee felt the modest extension would be in keeping with the scale and character of the dwelling and would visually enhance the utilitarian extension in keeping with policy SP15. We note the roofline to the extension has been lowered, making a recessive appearance compared to the original dwelling. Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
C	DC/20/2332/VOC Variation of Condition 2 of DC/20/1807/VOC - Variation of Condition(s) 2 of application DC/18/1958/FUL - (Proposed development of the land between Treetops and Candlet Road to construct a total of 3 new dwelling houses with associated hard and soft landscaping including new access road from Treetops.) - It is proposed that more parking spaces will be added for visitors, so that they are not encouraged to park on the narrow access road where they might block cars entering or exiting the site. We wish the condition to be varied to include the amended drawings 3502_PL203A - Proposed Site Plan to replace the previously approved 3502 PL203. Land Between Treetops And Candlet Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
D	DC/20/2330/FUL Erection of first floor side extension (to South East aspect) and single storey rear extension (to North East aspect) 1 Drift Cottages Ferry Road
Committee carefully considered the proposed extension on the existing building and are content that the materials used and design are in keeping with this row of distinctive 19c cottages Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
E	DC/20/0848/FUL To restore balcony to first floor. To return first floor window to door (timber). To replace first floor right window with timber window & new concrete sill. Work to resemble original look of building. Balcony will be constructed using reclaimed cast iron period balustrades & steal frame/railings fixed on new upc deck above existing bay only. Style of timber door & window to be based on originals in photo. 33 Quilter Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL. It was noted that this property is in the Conservation Area and that the proposal will preserve the existing character of the building.	

F	DC/20/2230/TPO TPO SCDC 1996:0096 Silver Birch to side of property - overall crown reduction of 30 % 37 Western Avenue
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

115. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members present noted 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.

116. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the following:

i) Planning Matters

Clerk informed the Committee that the MHCLG had published draft guidance that provided further detail on the extension of certain planning applications and the Additional Environmental Approval process introduced in the Business and Planning Bill. The Business and Planning Act 2020 temporarily modifies the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to enable certain planning permissions and listed building consents in England which have lapsed or are due to lapse during 2020 to be extended. This is in recognition of the effect coronavirus has had on the planning system and the construction sector.

Committee noted the extension to unimplemented applications to 21 April 2021.

ii) Langer Park Consultation

The Town Clerk advised that the ESC consultation on potential improvements to Langer Park would be brought to the next meeting for formal consideration. It was noted that the information had been shared via the Council's website and social media channels as well as being published in the Summer 2020 Magazine which was being delivered to all Felixstowe households. The Clerk agreed to forward this information to Langer Primary Academy for their interest also.

Committee noted the consultation.

117. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10 .27am. The date of the next video-conference meeting was noted as being Wednesday 22 July 2020, 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____