

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held  
ONLINE on Wednesday 22 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 Tadjrishi (Town Clerk)  
Mrs S Morrison (Planning Administration Assistant)

**148. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

**149. APOLOGIES**

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

**150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
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.

**151. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 8 July 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

**152. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

<b>A</b>	<b>DC/20/2448/FUL</b>   The proposal is a 2 storey Public House. On the site of an old GP practice which has been demolished <b>201 Hamilton Road</b>
<p><b>Committee warmly welcomed this application, noting that its previous concerns in respect of proposals for this site have been largely addressed in this latest iteration, and therefore recommended APPROVAL.</b></p> <p><b>We do observe that there is a lack of detail on whether the windows to the northern elevation are to be obscured and would ask that consideration be given to ensure that these do are not prone to overlooking nearby residents.</b></p> <p><b>We would also welcome a reintroduction of the ‘arched’ window design to the southern elevation and blind window features to the west elevation from the previous (withdrawn) application, which we believe to be more sympathetic to and in keeping with the nearby (listed) station building.</b></p>	
<b>B</b>	<b>DC/20/2424/FUL</b>   Conversion of Loft to create Studio/Bedsitting room in existing managed HMO <b>1 Granville Road</b>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b></p>	
<b>C</b>	<b>DC/20/2480/FUL</b>   Side extension to incorporate family annexe and master ensuite <b>75 Seaton Road</b>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL, subject to it being conditioned that the annex remains ancillary to the existing building and not a separate dwelling.</b></p>	
<b>D</b>	<b>DC/20/2428/FUL</b>   Erection of single storey rear and side extension, conversion of roof to habitable floor space with rear dormer <b>49 High Road West</b>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b></p>	
<b>E</b>	<b>DC/20/2391/FUL</b>   Construction of a single storey rear extension and new dormer window to roof. <b>14A Quilter Road</b>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b></p>	

<b>F</b>	<b>DC/20/2430/FUL   Single Storey Rear Extension 6 St Marys Crescent</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>DC/20/2458/FUL   Proposed detached studio/gym Hill House Farm Gulpher Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>H</b>	<b>DC/20/2476/TCA   Section and dismantle one conifer tree pushing onto garage. Rane Vale 98 Ranelagh</b>
<b>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.</b>	

### **153. 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.**

### **154. ESC LANGER PARK CONSULTATION**

Committee noted the public consultation on proposals to improve Langer Park. The consultation had been published online and the Clerk advised that he had sent details of the consultation to Langer Primary School and circulated to all Town Councillors, who would be welcome to comment individually.

**Following a discussion on the proposals, it was RESOLVED that the following be formally submitted to ESC:**

**Felixstowe Town Council welcomes East Suffolk Council's proposals for the enhancement and improvements to Langer Park. We would be pleased to support ESC in achieving this aim and look forward to working with the District Council on developing the project further.**

### **155. HAMILTON ROAD SHARED SPACE TEMPORARY CLOSURE**

Committee considered a number of options in relation to the current temporary closure of the Hamilton Road share space to vehicles. The Clerk reported that, to date, 455 of 532 respondents to an ongoing online survey were in favour or extending the closure for a further 18 months and over 70% had indicated a preference for the closure to become permanent. Members noted the

demographic of the respondents, the majority of whom were over 45 years old and the highest proportion being over 65.

**Following further discussion and debate it was RESOLVED that East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council be advised that the Town Council would wish to see an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) introduced for Hamilton Road Shared Space.**

#### **156. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF BT PAYPHONE AT WADGATE ROAD**

Committee considered the proposal by BT to remove a payphone at Wadgate Road. Given the usage and location of the phone, Members raised concerns around the key service that would be lost to local residents, some of whom may be potentially vulnerable, if this payphone was removed.

**RESOLVED that the following be formally submitted to ESC:**

**Felixstowe Town Council objects to the proposed removal of the payphone at Wadgate Road. The phone, which is located in one of the most socially deprived areas in the town, demonstrably continues to show significant regular use. It meets a local need and is important to those that use it, some of whom may be vulnerable or for whom the use of a mobile phone may not be a viable option.**

#### **157. CORRESPONDENCE**

Members considered the following correspondence:

**i) DC/19/2783/FUL 40 King Street. Appeal Ref. APP/X3540/W/20/3247339**

Clerk informed the Committee that the above appeal against the ESC decision to refuse the above application had been dismissed by the Planning Inspector on 10 July 2020.

**Committee duly NOTED.**

**ii) Sizewell C**

The Clerk advised of a Joint Local Authority Group meeting on 29 July being held to discuss Sizewell C. A formal invitation to the Town Council had not been received. However, it was noted that Cllr G Newman would be attending as a JLAG Member and would be able to represent and report back to the Town Council if appropriate. Cllr A Smith also volunteered to attend on behalf of the Town Council if an invitation was made.

**Committee agreed that Cllr Newman should act as representative to Felixstowe Town Council and that Cllr Smith should also attend in that capacity if an invitation was forthcoming.**

**iii) ESC Grass Cutting Initiative**

The Clerk updated Members following correspondence with ESC on their proposed grass cutting initiative. Committee reviewed a map of the areas being identified and were content with the proposals.

**Committee noted the update.**

**iv) Suffolk County Council - Emergency Walking and Cycling Measures - High Road, Felixstowe**

Committee considered Suffolk County Council's Transport Recovery Plan and its proposed change to the cycle scheme along High Road East and High Road West, from advisory to mandatory, and an extension to the scheme towards Cliff Road for a further stated 900m.

Members queried the '900m' figure, believing this may be an error which should read 90m.

The Clerk advised that all Councillors were able to comment directly to the County Council on this matter, with a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Members raised concerns around the short timeframe given to respond, the impact of extending the cycle path in front of the retail units and the appropriateness of physical segregation along this road.

**Following further discussion and debate, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk should contact the County Council on behalf of the Town Council as follows:**

**Felixstowe Town Council welcomes an increase to cycling facilities across the town but is concerned that there should not be a mandatory cycle lane and physical segregation installed in the proposed location without further and more meaningful consultation, particularly including those residents and businesses that would be affected by the proposals.**

**The Town Council would not wish to see parking restrictions introduced beside the local shopping centre.**

**At this point 12.05pm Cllr S Gallant left the meeting.**

**158. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 12.11am. The date of the next video-conference meeting was noted as being Wednesday 5 August 2020, 9.15am.

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