

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held
ONLINE on Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 9.15am**

PRESENT: Cllr S Bird (Chairman) Cllr M Morris
Cllr S Bennett Cllr D Savage
Cllr S Gallant Cllr S Wiles
Cllr M Jepson (*to item 183c*)

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of public.

179. PUBLIC QUESTION

The Chairman advised that he would invite the member of the public to make their representation immediately prior to the application being considered.

180. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from **Cllr A Smith** and **Cllr K Williams**.

Cllr M Jepson gave apologies in advance of needing to leave the meeting at 10.00am to attend to a family matter.

181. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

| Member(s) | Minute No. | Nature of Interest |
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| 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.

182. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 5 August 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

183. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

During the following application, the Chairman invited representation from a member of the public, a neighbour to the site who expressed concerns about aspects, such as noise and dust, from the demolition and the impact this would have on residents' amenity.

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| A | DC/20/2958/PN3 Prior Notification - Redevelopment of the site Former Deben High School Garrison Lane |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL and ask that ESC ensure that the neighbours to the site are well-informed about the process and progress with its development. | |
| B | DC/20/3043/FUL External and internal alterations of existing Industrial unit and the creation of additional first floor areas 4-8 Sunderland Road |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL, noting that the weight limit in this area would restrict the potential for HGV movements. | |

At this point, 10am, Cllr M Jepson left the meeting.

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| C | DC/20/2520/FUL Demolition of rear shed and alterations to existing Basement Space converted back to a single residential Unit 7 North Sea Road |
| Committee recommended REFUSAL. Firstly, we would question the wording of the application that indicates conversion to a single residential unit when it appears that four flats are being proposed. Committee also notes that the property is located in Flood Zone 1 and proposes a basement flat with sleeping accommodation at that level with no internal escape to upper floors. | |
| D | DC/20/2762/LBC Listed Building Consent - Rear Extension (amended scheme to previous approval to include timber cover strip) 3 Cranmer House Maybush Lane |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL, | |
| E | DC/20/2827/FUL Extension living/dining area for sun room area. Convert external toilet to internal 6 High Road West |
| Committee recommended APPROVAL | |

184. 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.

185. CONSULTATIONS: REFORM OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM

Members noted the publication of three Government consultations proposing major reforms to the planning system. The Clerk advised that, owing to the far-reaching nature of the Government's proposed reforms to the planning process, the Town Council would have its interests best served by helping inform NALC's representation on behalf of the town and parish council sector.

It was noted that the first consultation response deadline was 17th September, with the following two responses due in October.

RESOLVED that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Town Clerk and Planning Administration Assistant should review the proposals and draft a potential response to the first consultation, to be presented to the next Committee meeting on 9 September.

186. CORRESPONDENCE

There was none:

187. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.59am. The date of the next video-conference meeting was noted as being Wednesday 9 September 2020, 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____