

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held
ONLINE on Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 9.15am**

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Abbott (Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce)

230. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

231. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from **Cllr M Jepson, Cllr S Wiles and Cllr K Williams**

232. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Gallant	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.

233. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 9 September 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

234. 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	<p>DC/20/3471/VOC Variation of conditions 8, 9 & 10 of DC/19/4233/FUL - (Proposed "Container" Leisure Park) Condition Number(s): 10 Conditions(s) Removal: The client would like to vary conditions 8, 9 & 10 to allow a better suited use and opening times for prospective tenants. Units 1-9 - Opening Hours - 7am - 12am, Class E(b) Units 10 - 16 - Opening Hours 9am - 10pm, Class E(a) Mannings Amusement Park Sea Road</p>
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

B	<p>DC/20/3493/ADI Illuminated Advertisement Consent - The installation of 3 no. new digital freestanding signs and 1 no. 15" digital booth screen. McDonalds Restaurant Walton Avenue</p>
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

C	<p>DC/20/3432/FUL Erection of replacement garage - Revised Design to approval 20/2147. 19 High Road East</p>
Committee recommended APPROVAL, subject to it being conditioned that this remains ancillary to the existing dwelling and not be used as a separate dwelling.	

D	<p>DC/20/3562/FUL Proposed loft conversion to single story detached dwelling 24 Cliff Road</p>
<p>We note that two neighbouring properties had indicated their support for this proposal. However, Committee was mindful that neighbour preference should not be the determining factor in deciding planning proposals, lest this set a precedence for other similar applications. Having therefore considered this application on its own merits and in line with planning policy, Committee recommended REFUSAL with reference to Policy DM23 due to the impact on privacy and overlooking.</p>	

E	<p>DC/20/3543/FUL Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension 9 Quintons Lane</p>
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

F	DC/20/3549/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters on Application DC/18/0491/OUT - Outline proposals for one house on land fronting Queens Road - all details 53 Princes Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
G	DC/20/3458/FUL Proposed modified drive/highway access, boundary wall and access gates Old Thurlow Golf Road
Committee had no objection to the widening or treatment of the driveway. However, we consider the boundary hedging to provide a very important contribution to the character of this area of old Felixstowe. Committee therefore recommended REFUSAL in contravention to Policy DM21(e) and DM21(f).	
H	DC/20/3547/FUL Bay window to front elevation 37 Western Avenue
Committee recommended REFUSAL having considered that the proposed alterations are not in keeping with the architectural characteristics of this property and streetscene, in contravention to Policy DM21(c).	
I	DC/20/3356/TCA T1 - Eucalyptus - Remove. T2 - Sycamore - Remove. The tree works are proposed to stop the influence of the tree(s) on the soil below building foundation level and provide long term stability to 1 Lincoln Terrace, Felixstowe, IP11 7QA Land To Front Of 1 Lincoln Terrace
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	
L	DC/20/3519/TCA Reduce height and bulk of liquid amber tree by 33%. The tree was planted 20 years ago in the rear garden near a boundary fence / neighbours property and has grown too big for the garden. Our neighbours have asked us to reduce the height. The tree needs to be crowned and re-shaped. 1 College Green
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

235. 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.

236. CONSULTATIONS: CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM

The Chairman advised the Committee that arrangements were in place for himself, Cllr A Smith, Cllr K Williams the Town Clerk and the Planning Admin. Asst. to meet on 30 September to formulate an initial response to the planning consultation which would be presented to Committee on 21st October for discussion prior to submitting the response from Felixstowe Town Council.

It was RESOLVED that the arrangements proposed for the Council's response to this consultation be approved.

237. SIZEWELL C – DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO) CONSULTATION

Following his attendance as the Town Council's representative to a recent Joint Local Authorities Liaison Group meeting on Sizewell C, Cllr A Smith presented a summary of the main issues which were of relevance to Felixstowe. Members gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Smith for his comprehensive report. Following discussion and some minor amendments it was agreed that the Town Council would lodge its interest in being represented as per the prepared document.

It was RESOLVED that a finalised version would be circulated to the Committee Members and submitted before the deadline of 30th September.

238. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER RENEWAL – LANDGUARD POINT

Committee considered the renewal of the Public Space Protection Order and strongly agreed it was necessary to assist the Ranger in protecting the wild birds against unruly dogs.

It was RESOLVED that it be recommended to East Suffolk Council that the Public Space Protection Order for Landguard Point should be renewed.

239. CORRESPONDENCE

Consultation on Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning

The Clerk drew the Committee's attention to this forthcoming consultation.

240. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 12.15pm. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 7 October 2020, 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____