

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held
ONLINE on Wednesday 2 December 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)

359. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

360. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

361. 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 a Member of Suffolk County Council)

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

362. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 18 November 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

363. 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/20/4513/FUL The proposal consists of 2 no. Semi-detached New Builds (4 no. 4 bedroom dwellings total) with private gardens and off-street parking. 106 Garrison Lane
Committee considered this application and noted SCC Highways comments in respect of proposed parking and access arrangements. Committee believe that the proposed arrangement to be safer than a single large entranceway and that the car parking provision is acceptable given the location and its proximity to the town centre. Committee also noted the relationship of the proposed new dwellings to properties to the rear at Eagle Close and considered this to be satisfactory in the circumstances. With reference to SCLP Policy 11.1, we considered that the development's relationship with neighbouring properties, to be acceptable. Committee therefore recommended APPROVAL.	
B	DC/20/4547/PN3 Prior Notification - Conversion of the office building into 8no. self-contained flats. All flats would be dual or triple aspect. See Planning Statement and submitted plans Glenfield Court Glenfield Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
C	DC/20/4611/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension with attached garage side extension 3 Church Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
D	DC/20/4604/FUL Construction of a single storey rear extension 21 Wesel Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
E	DC/20/4671/FUL Replacement of existing windows and doors to whole of rear of elevation. Replacement of existing windows and doors to first and second floors of front elevations. Installation of heat pump. 16 Beach Road East
Committee recommended APPROVAL. We note and welcome the proposed installation of a ground source heat pump and its environmental benefits.	

F	<p>DC/20/4677/TCA T1 Lime - re-pollard to previous pollard points to reduce overhang over garages and adjacent properties, and to reduce heavy shading. G1 2no. Sycamore - re-pollard to previous height of approx. 6m. to reduce overhang and shading over adjacent roads, paths and properties.</p> <p>108 Queens Road</p>
<p>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.</p>	

G	<p>DC/20/4678/TPO Mature Pine in rear garden - reduce canopy by 10-12ft (3-4m) to balance crown and make tree more stable.</p> <p>10 The Pines</p>
<p>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural. Committee noted there were no supporting documents.</p>	

364. 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.

365. EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

Committee received a draft response to each of the three consultations as prepared and presented by the delegated working group. With reference to the consultation on cycling and walking infrastructure, the Clerk advised that all Town Councillors had been invited to contribute the list of areas in need of improvement to before the 7 December deadline. With the addition of a reference for clarity on the ownership and legal status of the assorted footpaths and an improvement to gravelled surfaces along the prom, it was agreed that the response should be submitted, alongside the RAMS and SCI consultation responses, by the 7 December deadline.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Cllr A Smith, Cllr S Bennett, Cllr M Jepson, Cllr K Williams and the Town Clerk for their work in preparing the draft response.

RESOLVED that, subject to the additions above, the responses to the three East Suffolk Council consultations as prepared by the working group be approved and submitted on behalf of the Town Council by 7 December 2020.

366. UPDATE ON SIZEWELL C DCO APPLICATION

Cllr A Smith, as representative for the Town Council at the Joint Local Authority Group (JLAG) meeting and his attendance of the 17 November Suffolk Coast Forum, reported back and gave a brief overview of a change in strategy for

freight transport proposals to the Sizewell C Site. It was noted that EDF had not addressed the Town Council request that improvements be made to the Seven Hills junction.

There was however, significant change towards sea transportation with increasing potential for material to be brought in by sea: Plans were being considered to enhancing design of the permanent Beach Landing Facility (BLF); and providing a new, temporary additional BLF to reduce the rail and road shipping requirements.

Following discussion it was agreed that the draft response be approved, with inclusion of a reference to the need for the Seven Hills junction to be upgraded, and submitted to EDF.

Committee recorded a vote of thanks to Cllr A Smith for his work in preparing this response.

RESOLVED to submit amended response to EDF within the deadline of 21 December 2020.

367. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported:

- i) Temporary closures of footpaths at Roman Way and Barons Close to be carried out between 4/1/21 and 18/1/21 together with Western Avenue and Roman Way to be carried out 18/01/21 and 1/2/21
- ii) Temporary closure of a footpath at St Georges Road from 2/1/21 and 29/1/21 to enable repairs to a gas main.
- iii) In advance of the Planning Application a Public Consultation relating to the Deben High School site would be open from 7 December. Proposals will set out for sports facilities and residential units which are seeking public comment.

368. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.22pm. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 16 December 2020, 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____