

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held
ONLINE on Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 9.15am**

PRESENT: Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr M Morris
 Cllr S Bennett Cllr D Savage
 Cllr M Jepson

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Abbott, Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce
 One member of the public

449. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None

450. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from **Cllr S Bird (Chairman)**, **Cllr S Gallant**, **Cllr S Wiles** and **Cllr K Williams**.

451. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr M Jepson	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of East Suffolk Council)

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

452. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 27 January 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

453. 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/21/0134/VOC Variation of Condition 2 of DC/13/3656/FUL - Proposed high bay distribution unit with a footprint of c. 47,000m2, including car parking and associated infrastructure. Land At Clickett Hill Road And South Of Railway Line Nicholas Road Trimley St Mary
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Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
B	DC/21/0174/FUL Proposed two storey rear and single storey side extension, including conversion of existing garage and alterations. 4 Newry Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL. Committee carefully considered all aspects, including the length of the ground floor extension and the substantial first floor extension with regard to the neighbouring properties which we believe will not be injurious.	
C	DC/21/0292/FUL Side facing windows to facilitate rear extension 11 Chelsworth Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL. Committee considered both potential issues of side windows and proximity to the rear which we believe are not prejudicial to the application.	
D	DC/21/0067/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension Springwood 24 Foxgrove Lane.
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
E	DC/21/0362/FUL Single storey rear extension to terraced house, replacing an existing extension on the same footprint. 17 Manor Terrace
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
F	DC/21/0468/TCA T1 Holm Oak - to pollard back to previous pollard points. T2 Lime - to be felled; the tree is causing cracking to boundary wall, and has decaying main branch unions in crown. The Cottage 2 Hamilton Gardens
Committee had NO OBJECTION to T1 Holm Oak being pollarded. With regards to T2 Lime, whilst the tree has some dangerous limbs and is said to be causing problems due to its root structure, it is a very significant tree in the town scape and we request that the arboriculturist consult with the planning department on the potential for a management regime that is able to deal with those two issues to avoid the need for felling.	

454. 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.

455. SUFFOLK DESIGN STREETS GUIDE CONSULTATION

The Town Clerk advised that, as instructed at the previous meeting, all Town Councillors were invited to submit comments in respect of the consultation document, a draft response to which had been prepared by the Town Clerk, Cllrs S Bennett, D Savage and A Smith (*Minute #460 of 2020/21 refers*).

Committee considered the draft response and further comments from Members in relation to SUDs schemes, maintenance of roadways, and proper consideration of footpaths.

RESOLVED that, subject to inclusion of the additional comments agreed, the Town Clerk would finalise the circulate amended response for the Suffolk Design Streets Guide Consultation and would submit today, 10 February, being the deadline for any responses.

456. CORRESPONDENCE

RESOLVED that the following correspondence be noted:

- i) A report from the Town Council's Climate Emergency Working Group would be brought to the Planning and Environment Committee 24 February meeting for consideration.
- ii) Flagship Homes will give a presentation to the Planning and Environment Committee on 10 March on their installation of ground source heat pumps. The presentation would be open to all Town Councillors.

457. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.48am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 24 February 2021, 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____