

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held  
ONLINE on Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 9.15am**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** None

**533. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None

**534. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr M Jepson** and **Cllr S Wiles** due to other business.

**535. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Gallant	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member 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.

**536. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 10 March 2021 be confirmed as a true record.**

**537. 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>	DC/21/1040/FUL   Proposed two storey & single storey rear extension 81 Cobbold Road
<b>Committee considered the proposal and relationship with the neighbouring property 83 to the west and recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>B</b>	DC/21/1034/FUL   Proposed detached garage with single storey rear extension 12 High Road East
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>C</b>	DC/21/1149/FUL   Previous Lawful development application deemed the extension needed planning permission. The extension is for a rear extension which joins the existing garage 14 Quintons Lane
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>D</b>	DC/21/1175/FUL   Single storey rear extension 5 Windermere Road.
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>E</b>	DC/21/0292/FUL   Side facing windows and two-storey rear extension 11 Chelsworth Road
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>F</b>	DC/21/1043/TCA   2no. Holm Oak at drive entrance - crown lift by 1.5m. and reduce back from road by 1.5m. 2no. Limes in side garden - crown lift by 2m. Saville Court Victoria Road
<b>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.</b>	
<b>G</b>	DC/21/1056/TCA   T1 Lime to RHS drive entrance - to be pollarded to prevent tangling with overhead wires, to reduce shading for neighbours and for claimed health benefit of tree. 16 Beach Road East
<b>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.</b>	

<b>H</b>	<b>DC/21/1074/TCA  </b> Holm Oak in rear garden - crown reduce by 30%, reshape and balance to allow more light to garden. <b>Villa Bonita 58 Maybush Lane</b>
<b>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council’s Arboricultural Officer.</b>	

**538. 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.

**539. EAST SUFFOLK SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – INITIAL CONSULTATION**

Committee requested a copy of the Renewable Energy and Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document (2013) which this document is seeking to replace, which was duly circulated. Committee agreed that once Members had read the documents, any comments could be sent to the Clerk to collate for reporting back to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** that Members would provide any comments to the Clerk in advance of the next meeting when this matter would be formally considered.

**540. BASELINE EVIDENCE FOR THE EAST SUFFOLK COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY CHARGING SCHEDULE – INITIAL CONSULTATION**

Committee considered the consultation document. However, it was felt that the document was too technical in nature for Members to provide an informed response. Clerk was requested to seek guidance from ESC and invite a planning policy officer to give Committee a framework of these policies through a short presentation at the start of the next meeting.

It was commented that within Para 2.20: that figure of 3% appears to be low, having regard to other documentation.

Members also commented on the potential benefit of a wider meeting, hosted by ESC, to discuss the framework of policies and other documents, such as SPDs, that would be relevant to forthcoming local developments and the process by which the Planning Authority would be overseeing significant developments, in particular with regards to the proposed Felixstowe and Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhoods.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk invite an ESC Planning Policy Officer to the next meeting to give a brief presentation on the Consultation document; and, to enquire about the possibility for a wider ESC-led meeting on the planning

**framework and its relevance to the proposed Felixstowe and Saxmundham Garden Neighbourhoods.**

**541. CORRESPONDENCE**

**RESOLVED that the following correspondence be noted:**

- i) a briefing session for Councillors on the Orwell Crossing proposals was held on 16 March, with notes circulated to all Town Councillors.
- ii) a briefing session for Councillors on the proposed relocation of a local veterinary practice was held on 19 March, with notes circulated to all Town Councillors.
- iii) response from Persimmon Homes in respect of Committee's comments to DC/21/0670/VOC - S73 variation of conditions application to amend the layout of the Candlet Road approach and junction with the development; and,
- iv) an update from Cllr A Smith following his attendance at the SZC preliminary hearing meeting which took place on 23 March. Committee noted that issues raised by the Town Council relating to Seven Hills roundabout, rail capacity, and the freight management facility at Nacton. would be dealt with at a hearing session under the wider heading of 'Transport Assessment'. It was also noted that the Inspector was expected to conclude their report and recommendations within 6 months following the conclusion of the hearings, the second preliminary hearing was due to take place on 26 April.

**542. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 10.41am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 7 April 2021, 9.15am.

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