

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held
ONLINE on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 9.15am**

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: None

594. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

595. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllrs M Morris** and **Cllr K Williams** due to other business.

596. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

597. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 22 April 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

598. 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/21/1608/FUL Single storey entrance porch extension and first floor extension over existing garage. 41 Westmorland Road
Committee recommended REFUSAL on following grounds:	

The proposal appears to be contrary to SCLP11.1 para. (b) as it does not demonstrate a clear understanding of, or complement, the local character and distinctiveness of this estate. Furthermore, with reference to SCLP para. (c)i-iv, the proposal does not relate well to the scale and strong character of its immediate surroundings; will impact the existing neighbourhood layout; and, due to its massing and design, does not relate well to the street scene at Westmorland Road and Wrens Park.

We are also concerned about the impact on residential amenity, with reference to SCLP11.2 para. (e) and its physical relationship with other properties.

Committee was also concerned that the proposed en suite bathroom to the south-east corner of the first floor appears not to be linked to a bedroom. ESC should seek clarification and carefully monitor this. We are concerned that a critical element would further overlook Wrens Park. ESC should seek clarification and monitor carefully.

If ESC is minded to approve the application, Committee asks that clarification be sought from the applicant as to any intended business use prior to determination. Care must be taken to ensure that any business or other use of the property does not impinge on residential amenity.

B	DC/21/1624/FUL Rear extensions, side and dormer extensions, balcony extension, garden annexe, facade material change 69A Cliff Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

C	DC/21/1803/FUL Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of proposed attached garage and provision of a 1st Floor ensuite with a dormer window 91 Garrison Lane
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

D	DC/21/1785/FUL Construction of two storey rear extension 42 Victoria Street
Committee took into account that this is within the Conservation Area and recommended APPROVAL.	

E	DC/21/1733/FUL Proposed front entrance porch (incl. w.c) 2 Foxgrove Gardens
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

F	DC/21/1859/FUL To extend bedroom to rear of property 54 Grange Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
G	DC/21/1977/FUL Replace all windows in white UPVC. Hardi-plank whole of house above plinth level. Change roof finish to garden room area to red flat tile. 18 Seaton Road Walton
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
H	DC/21/1402/FUL Construction of a fence around the front of the property 2 Blyford Way
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
I	DC/21/1903/TCA 1 No. Poplar tree to the far left of the rear garden to be re-pollarded the finished height of the pollard will be 10'-15'. 1 No. Sycamore tree to be re-pollarded. 1 No. Pear tree to be reduced by 30% and shaped. 1 No Elder shrub to be reduced by 30-50% 69 Bath Road
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

599. 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.

600. SIZEWELL C DCO HEARINGS UPDATE

Cllr A Smith presented a paper to Committee following recent communication from the Planning Inspector on the Sizewell C examination.

Cllr Smith reported that the Planning Inspector had agreed to accept some further changes from EDF as part of the overall planning application. It was noted that there was an opportunity to speak at an open floor and other hearings in the process. It was agreed that Cllr Smith would continue to attend as the Town Council's representative in relation to the matters previously raised by the Committee, particularly the highways matters.

It was noted that a 1500-word summary of the Council's representation would be required to be submitted to the Inspector by 12th May. It was agreed that the

Clerk be delegated the authority to submit this, and any other representations on behalf of the Council, subject to these being in accordance the Council's previously agreed submissions, following consultation with the Chairman, Cllr S Bird and Vice-Chairman, Cllr A Smith.

RESOLVED that the Clerk be delegated the authority to submit a 1500-word summary of the Council's representation, and any other representations required by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Council, subject to these being in accordance with the Council's previously agreed submissions and following consultation with the Chairman, Cllr S Bird and Vice-Chairman, Cllr A Smith.

601. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following items of correspondence:

- i) Michael Smith as part of the Generator Group's public engagement has offered to give a presentation to Members on the proposals for Land North of Conway Close and Swallow Close. It was agreed to hold the presentation on 12 May at 6.30pm
- ii) The Lighthouse Tearooms were seeking a licence to place tables and chairs outside their location and on the opposite side of the road by Trinity Methodist Church. Committee supported this application, provided public access was not impeded.

RESOLVED that the correspondence be noted as received.

602. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.47am.
