

MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 3 November 2021 at 9.15am

PRESENT: Cllr S Bird (Chairman) Cllr M Morris
Cllr S Bennett Cllr D Savage
Cllr S Gallant Cllr S Wiles
Cllr M Jepson (*from item #220*)

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One Member of Public (*via Zoom*)

216. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

217. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr A Smith, and Cllr K Williams** requiring to attend to other business.

Cllr M Jepson gave apologies in advance for being late owing to attending to other business. Cllr Jepson joined the meeting at 9.51am.

218. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

219. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 20 October 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

220. 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/21/4715/FUL Change of use from class E to Sui Generis. The unit is to be utilised as a beauticians which will offer :- Manicures, pedicures, waxing, facials, eyelash & brow treatment, nail enhancement & tanning. There will also be a small amount of retailing beauty products.</p> <p>3 Great Eastern Square</p>
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

B	<p>DC/21/4052/FUL Retrospective Application for retention of development comprising: cladding along the rear side and back of No27; and a balcony and stair on the 1st floor gable end</p> <p>Seaside House 27 Bath Road</p>
<p>Committee recommended REFUSAL.</p> <p>Committee objects strongly to this application. We feel that the various elements of the application individually and collectively neither preserve nor enhance the Conservation Area according to policy SCLP11.5. We bitterly regret the loss of the distinctive oriel bay window and the chimney. We acknowledge the applicant’s statement that there are other buildings in the Conservation Area with traditional Victorian weatherboarding, and balconies to the rear or front. However, whilst we do not object to the balcony in principle, we feel that the balcony as constructed is particularly modern and utilitarian and does not contain any ornate Victorian features. The modern concrete hardiplanking does not replicate traditional wooden weatherboarding and sits in contrast and incongruously with the adjoining neighbour.</p>	

C	<p>DC/21/4609/FUL Single height extension to the south. Replacement windows in places. Replacement conservatory. Internal alterations.</p> <p>55 Dovedale</p>
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

D	<p>DC/21/4867/TCA Monkey Puzzle (T1) Fell because of (alleged) poor health (Please see photos) out-growing position, proximity to overhead wires and proximity to public path</p> <p>45 Bath Road</p>
<p>Committee OBJECTS to the felling of this tree. We ask East Suffolk Council’s Arboricultural Officer to consider a TPO for this tree. We therefore do not support the removal of this tree without the due consideration of the Arboricultural Officer.</p>	

At this point in the meeting, 9.51am, Cllr Jepson joined.

221. 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.

222. VISION FOR ROUTE STRATEGY – NATIONAL HIGHWAYS CONSULTATION

Following discussion it was **AGREED** that the Committee would not respond to the consultation, but would encourage individual Councillors to comment if they felt inclined.

223. LORRY NETWORK MAP – SCC COMMUNITY REVIEW 2021

It was noted that the Consultation asked local parish councils to forward their views to Felixstowe Town Council to put forward in an area response to the Consultation.

It was noted that it had been 10 years since the last review. Committee felt that the designations were working, but requested feedback from residents. Following discussion **IT WAS AGREED** that the Clerk would put the proposed response to the consultation on the Council's website for residents to comment on. Any comments would be reviewed at the 15 December meeting and a response would be sent before the deadline of 17 December.

224. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee **NOTED** the following:

- i) Consultations for three Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)s**
The Clerk advised that these SPDs, relating to Sustainable Construction, Affordable Housing and Cycling and Walking Strategy would be formally presented to Committee at the next meeting for consideration.
- ii) Hamilton Road Experimental Traffic Order**
Members noted that this was being formalised as a permanent Order, with appropriate and clear signage put in place. Members welcomed the Order.
- iii) DC/21/3769/FUL – 1 Kemsley Road Appeal**
Noted that this application had been considered by the ESC Referral Panel which had concluded that the decision be delegated to Officers. The Officers were minded to approve the application contrary to the Town Council's recommendation to refuse.
- iv) Consultation for A14 J55 Copdock Interchange.**
The Clerk informed the Committee of various events being held locally to see plans and a webinar on 10 November to discuss plans for the junction with copies of the scheme being also available locally. The deadline for comment is 9 December 2021.

225. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.55 am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 17th November at 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____