

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at  
TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 5 April 2023 at 9.15am**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 5 members of the public (via Zoom).

**477. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chairman advised that he would invite representations from members of the public immediately prior to debate on specific applications.

**478. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Gallant** and **Cllr K Williams**.

**479. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

<b>Member(s)</b>	<b>Minute No.</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Cllr S Bird Cllr M Jepson Cllr S Wiles	All	Other registerable interests (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Wiles	All	Other registerable interests (as a Members of Suffolk County Council)

**480. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 22 March 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

**481. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Committee considered the following planning applications received since the last meeting and **RESOLVED** to submit the following observations to East Suffolk Council:

Committee heard from members of the public on application B below. Concerns were centred on parking capacity, which were described as already being under pressure in this area. Neighbours were concerned that the loss of retail and commercial units in this new proposal, with its corresponding reduction in allocated parking spaces, would exacerbate things further.

<b>A</b>	<p><b>DC/22/4418/FUL</b>   Placement of 14 beach huts seaward side of the tidal barrier southeast of Martello Park playground, with two areas of beach located seaward side of the tidal barrier east of Martello Tower P maintained for biodiversity mitigation.</p> <p><b>Felixstowe Sea Front Martello Park</b></p>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL. We believe that this is an improvement on the previous application which it seeks to replace. The beach huts are proposed to be located in a less intrusive location than as previously proposed. We note that the response from Historic England, in their letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022, refers to a document dated May 2021, which has since been superseded.</b></p>	
<b>B</b>	<p><b>DC/23/0824/FUL</b>   Amendment to Development Approved under Planning Permission DC/13/2505/FUL to Include Deletion of ground Floor Commercial Uses (Retail and restaurant) and Provision of 21 Aparthotel Suites</p> <p><b>The Marlborough Hotel Sea Road 9 High Beach</b></p>
<p><b>Committee recommended REFUSAL of this application. We do not accept the revision for this application to that which was approved under DC/13/2505/FUL which provided important resort related usages – including a restaurant and retail units. We regret the proposed removal of these elements in this revised application. We further believe that this is contrary to SCLP 12.14 “proposals will need to maintain active commercial frontages” we further note extremely high demand for parking in this location. This revised application, with further resort accommodation, will put additional pressure on parking.</b></p>	
<b>C</b>	<p><b>DC/23/0553/FUL</b>   Proposal to carefully demolish existing timber clad bungalow and erect a new 3 bedroom property with 2No. parking spaces</p> <p><b>38 Berners Road</b></p>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL we welcome this development and believe it has been sympathetically designed for its location within the Conservation Area.</b></p>	
<b>D</b>	<p><b>DC/23/0887/FUL</b>   Window repairs (listed building)</p> <p><b>3 Cranmer House Maybush Lane</b></p>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b></p>	
<b>E</b>	<p><b>DC/23/0819/LBC</b>   Listed Building Consent - Repairs to existing windows</p> <p><b>3 Cranmer House Maybush Lane</b></p>
<p><b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b></p>	

<b>F</b>	<b>DC/23/0893/FUL</b>   To change current wooden windows to upvc styles like for like <b>Flat 2 10 Quilter Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL. We note that the applicant does not make reference to the property being within the Conservation Area in any of their documents.</b>	
<b>G</b>	<b>DC/23/0594/FUL</b>   Replacement of windows <b>Flat 4 Seagull House 5A Hamilton Gardens</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>H</b>	<b>DC/23/0975/FUL</b>   Replacement windows to the rear and side elevations <b>4 Felix Court Sea Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	
<b>I</b>	<b>DC/23/0814/FUL</b>   Increase the width of drop kerb <b>44 Westmorland Road</b>
<b>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</b>	

#### **482. PLANNING DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED** that the decisions on planning applications by East Suffolk Council notified to the Town Council since the previous meeting be noted.

#### **483. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **484. CLOSURE**

The meeting was closed at 11.05am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19 April 2023 at 9.15am.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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