

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at
TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 9.15am**

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 members of the public (via Zoom).

404. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

405. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

406. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

407. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 8 February 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

408. 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/23/0422/ARM Approval of Reserved Matter of Planning Permission DC/20/3658/OUT - Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) - Residential development consisting of a pair of 3 bedroom semi-detached houses and 2no. 2 bedroom bungalows. Formation of upgraded vehicular access onto high street. - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout & Scale Details</p> <p>Land To The Rear Of 361-377 High Street</p>
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

B	DC/23/0460/RG3 Extension & alterations to public toilet block facility to provide improved male & female toilets. Together with accessible toilet/operatives rest area & improved access. Public Toilet Block Adjacent Town Hall Undercliff Road West
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
C	DC/23/0389/FUL Construction of single storey front extension 4 Barons Close
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
D	DC/23/0043/FUL A metal replacement of the exterior wooden fire escape stairs 34 Beach Station Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
E	DC/23/0534/ADN Non Illuminated Advertisement - Erection of fourteen non-illuminated billboards, replacing existing fencing along the northern boundary of a retail site (currently occupied by a company trading as Homebase) that adjoins Felixstowe railway, sited opposite Felixstowe station platform. Homebase Great Eastern Square
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
F	DC/23/0433/TCA 1no. Tree of heaven (T1 on plan) - Fell 1no. Group of Holm oak (T2 on plan) - Crown thin by 20% Marden House Martello Lane
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	
G	DC/23/0424/TCA 1no. Conifer (T1 on plan) - Fell 1no. Rowan (T2 on plan) - Fell 1no. Bay (T3 on plan) - Fell 37 Ranelagh Road
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

409. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

410. DRAFT COASTAL ADAPTATION SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Committee RESOLVED to submit the following response:

Committee welcomed sight of the Draft Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document, found it easy to read with well-laid out clear and precise language. However, it was surprising to note that this document, dealing with coastal adaption, does not detail the impact and relevance of flood risk, given the local plan policy SCLP 9.3 (Erosion Risk) and its companion piece SCLP 9.5 (Flood Risk).

411. DRAFT RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – INITIAL CONSULTATION

Committee considered the initial consultation on the Draft Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk respond to state that we welcome the document but do not feel able to add any further comment.

412. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee NOTED the following Correspondence:

- i. Custom and Self-Build Housing Supplementary Planning Document.
It was agreed that the Town Clerk respond to state that the Committee felt the scope to be thorough and comprehensive. That it was easy to read and most importantly covers all possible areas that a potential reader would expect to see. Committee very much welcomed the potential SPD as it deals with an important aspect of the Local Plan.
- ii. Letter from UKPN on proposed alterations to the electricity network at Felixstowe Ferry Common.
Committee welcomed the proposal to move the existing overhead power cables underground.

413. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.33am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____