

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at
TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 9.15am**

PRESENT: Cllr S Bird (Chairman) Cllr J Candy
Cllr M Morris (Vice-Chairman) Cllr C Franklin
Cllr S Bennett

OFFICERS: Mrs D Frost (Deputy Town Clerk)
Mrs S Morrison (Planning Administration Assistant)

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public (*via Zoom*)

181. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

182. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr N Barber, Cllr A Folley and Cllr S Wiles**

183. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Other Registerable Interests, to which no matters on the agenda were directly related, were noted:

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bennett Cllr J Candy	All	Other registerable interests (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Bennett	All	Other registerable interests (as Members of Suffolk County Council)

Members were advised that, should any matters arise in the meeting that directly relate to any of their interests, they should make appropriate declarations at that time.

184. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 6 September 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

185. 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/23/2349/FUL Two double skinned fuel tanks will be installed on the existing site for the offloading and loading of fuels. These tanks will be installed on new reinforced concrete slabs. An electrical GRP pre-fabricated unit will be installed for the electrical connections. A catchment area around the two tanks will be surrounded by drainage channels to capture any spills and runoff from the loading of trucks. These channels will lead to sumps which will be connected to a full class 1 interceptor. Existing underground tanks to be foam filled. Haven Filling Station Dock Road The Docks
Committee recommended Approval.	
B	DC/23/3350/P3MA Prior Approval Commercial to Dwelling - Conversion of rear of office to residential : front section of office to remain. 284 High Street Walton
Committee recommended Approval.	
C	DC/23/3392/FUL Replacement porch (existing to be demolished) 46 Kings Fleet Road
Committee recommended Approval	
D	DC/23/3332/TCA 1 No. Silver Birch Tree at the rear of the property in the centre of the lawn to be felled and removed. The tree has been poorly pruned in the past and is considered too large for the garden. 4 College Green
We object to the proposed felling of the silver birch, we note that the applicant states that it is too large for the garden, however, they have not stated that it is diseased, dying or dangerous. We believe that this tree which is visible from the public realm gives public amenity value. We, therefore, feel that it would be appropriate to prune the tree and not to fell it.	
E	DC/23/3366/TPO W1 of TPO No. 195 / 2006 1no. Chestnut (1 on plan) - Fell Proposed replacement planting of 1no. Chestnut 73 Tower Road
We object to this proposed work, we recognise that this tree has significant amenity value. The applicant has not given sufficient reason for felling, the tree is not diseased, dying or dangerous nor is it stated that the tree is doing any damage to buildings, we therefore feel that it would be appropriate to prune the tree as was carried out in 2016 rather than to fell it.	

186. CUSTOM AND SELF-BUILD HOUSING – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Committee requested that this be looked at the next meeting, allowing members longer to consider this SPD.

187. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

188. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee discussed the following:

i) DC/23/2745/DEM – Landguard Lodge Manor Terrace.

Committee noted the Prior Notification of Demolition and requested the following Comment was sent:

Committee object to this proposal in the strongest possible terms, we wholeheartedly agree with all of the comments by the Felixstowe Society and specifically would support their request that these buildings be protected with a building preservation notice Whilst we recognize that the lodge and cottage are not listed or in a conservation area, nonetheless we believe that they are of considerable architectural merit and both iconic and distinctive. Furthermore, particularly because of their isolated position they contribute considerably to the character and vista in that location within Felixstowe. In addition the applicant has supplied no justifiable reason for the demolition.

Committee Noted the following:

ii) Temporary pavement Licence to place removable furniture for All Things Nice, 79 Hamilton Road Felixstowe IP11 7BE.

Committee were content with this application.

189. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 10.25am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4 October 2023 at 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____