

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

PRESENT: Cllr S Bird (Chairman)
Cllr M Morris (Vice Chairman) Cllr A Folley
Cllr S Bennett (*from item #88*) Cllr C Franklin
Cllr J Candy Cllr S Wiles

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

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

84. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr N Barber** and **Cllr D Underwood**.

Apologies for lateness were received from **Cllr S Bennett**.

86. 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 J Candy Cllr A Folley Cllr S Bennett	All	Other registerable interests (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bird Cllr S Bennett Cllr S Wiles	All	Other registerable interests (as a Member 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.

87. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 21 June 2023 be confirmed as a true record.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr S Bennett joined.

88. 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/22/3182/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters relating to Outline Planning Consent DC/15/1128/OUT - Phase 2 - Residential (305 Dwellings, open space and supporting services and infrastructure), Land off Candlet Road, Felixstowe</p> <p>Land North Of Candlet Road, Phase 2</p>
<p>Committee recommended APPROVAL. We strongly welcome this revised application. We feel that the applicant has addressed all concerns that Felixstowe Town Council and other consultees previously had.</p>	
B	<p>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.</p> <p>Haven Filling Station Dock Road The Docks</p>
<p>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</p>	
C	<p>DC/23/2360/OUT Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - Construction of 2no. 1 bed dwellings</p> <p>Land Adjacent To 130 Mill Lane</p>
<p>Committee recommended REFUSAL. Whilst we do not object in principle to the potential development of new dwellings in this location, we feel that the proposal as planned is deficient. We have had regard to the pre-application advice given under 22/3964 where the officer has stated that there is “high potential for unacceptable impact on the privacy of prospective occupants”. We agree that the two proposed units will have unacceptable overlooking from the host property, no. 130, and therefore feel that this application is contrary to SCLP 5.7 para. (c).</p>	
D	<p>DC/23/2341/FUL Front extension and alterations</p> <p>19 Western Avenue</p>
<p>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</p>	

E	DC/23/2285/FUL Erection of garden room 246 Ferry Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL. However, we would ask that it be conditioned that its use remain ancillary to the host property.	
F	DC/23/2392/FUL New single storey side and rear extensions. New porch to the front of the property. New dropped kerb and vehicle crossing. 91 Western Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
G	DC/23/2249/VOC Variation of Condition No 3 of DC/21/0478/FUL - Part demolition, alteration and change of use of nursing home to provide 6no. apartments, together with 3no. new build houses - materials & finishes St Marys Nursing Home Undercliff Road East
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
H	DC/23/2474/TCA Side of building T1 Holm Oak - Re-pollard to previous pruning points. Reason: due to close proximity to building and public footpaths. Former Bartlet Hospital And Grounds Undercliff Road East
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer. We recognise that this tree has a prominent position in the Conservation Area and we welcome professional tree management as proposed.	
I	DC/23/2353/TCA 1no. Apple (T5 on plan) - Reduce limbs overhanging pergola by up to 1 metre 2no. Apple (T7 and T8 on plan) - Reduce lateral, overextended branches by 1 metre 2no. Rowan (T9 and T11 on plan) - Reduce crown by 1 metre on all aspects. Homeorr House Felix Road
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer.	

89. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

90. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee NOTED the following correspondence:

- i. DC/23/1356/FUL - Wolsey Court, Stanley Road, for the retention of antennas installed on roof for ship to shore communication. The application had been reviewed by the East Suffolk Referral Panel and delegated back to the Head of Development and Coastal Management to be issued in line with officers recommendation of Approval.
- ii. Notice of an application for a Pavement Licence for The Office Café Bar, 30 Orwell Road, Felixstowe, IP11 7DB. The premises is seeking approval for 12 chairs and 3 tables on the roadside, Monday to Sunday 8am to 10pm. The dimensions of the licenced area to be 4.19m x 5.55m.
Committee welcomed additional opportunities for outdoor seating but felt that it would be much safer to locate the seating closer to the café rather than adjacent to the busy highway junction, which we would not support.
- iii. Confirmation that Mr N Newton ESC Principal Landscape and Arboricultural Officer, would be available to attend a future meeting.
Committee requested that Mr Newton be invited to the 6 September meeting.

91. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.04am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 19 July 2023 at 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____