

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at
TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 30 October 2024 at 9.30am**

PRESENT: Cllr S Bird (Chairman)
 Cllr M Morris (Vice Chairman) Cllr A Folley
 Cllr N Barber Cllr C Franklin
 Cllr S Bennett Cllr B Price (from item #252A)
 Cllr J Candy Cllr S Wiles

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public (via Zoom)

248. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for lateness were received from **Cllr B Price**.

Apologies for having to leave the meeting at 10.35am to attend other business were received from **Cllr S Wiles**.

250. 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 Cllr A Folley	All	Other registerable interests (as a Member of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bennett Cllr S Bird Cllr S Wiles	All	Other registerable interests (as a Member of Suffolk County Council)

251. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 16 October 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

252. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

At this point, 9.35am, Cllr B Price joined the meeting.

A	DC/24/1822/FUL Detached bungalow on severed garden plot 4 Yeoman Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
B	DC/24/3519/ADI - Illuminated Advertisement Consent - Replacement shopfront signage 90 Hamilton Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
C	DC/24/3248/FUL Window and door replacements Montague Road Nursing Home 14 Montague Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
D	DC/24/3349/FUL Remove existing roof covering and supply new coverings of ply board decking 150mm of insulation and a single skin rubber membrane. 1 Dock Road The Docks
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	
E	DC/24/3362/FUL Demolition of wall Colbourn Court 11 Ranelagh Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

253. CONSULTATION – LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR SUFFOLK TO 2040

Committee considered the Local Transport Plan which encompasses fifteen Area Transport Plans and the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Committee also considered comments received from Felixstowe TravelWatch.

Members supported the comments of Felixstowe TravelWatch in respect of the Suffolk Local Transport Plan and the Felixstowe Area Transport Plan. Members were also concerned that, as a peninsula, Felixstowe is particularly vulnerable to congestion and gridlock, therefore it is critical that any transport plan includes adequate consideration of emergency planning and access at such times.

Committee noted that the Census 2021 data was already significantly out of date, given the current developments in progress and those which are incoming. As such, the population will be significantly higher.

It was agreed that connectivity of bus routes was essential from Old Felixstowe and the new proposed North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood development to service key locations in the town, such as:

- Felixstowe Train station – to enable integrated travel to coincide with the train schedule.
- The Grove Medical Centre
- Felixstowe School – to support modal shift from private vehicles to public transport to and from the school.

It was felt that consideration should be given to the potential benefits of one-way systems in areas which are particularly vulnerable to congestion, and a separate consultation should be carried out on this specific element.

Committee supported the aspiration to decarbonise transport but acknowledged that, without easy access to charging points for electric vehicles, it was wishful thinking to anticipate widespread transition from ICE vehicles.

The Committee also expected there to be consideration of enhanced road safety measures, particularly around schools.

Members were encouraged to submit any further comments independently.

It was RESOLVED that the Town Clerk respond to the consultation accordingly.

254. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

255. CORRESPONDENCE

i. Licensing of Jet Ski/Water Scooter Commercial Operators

Committee noted that East Suffolk Council was consulting on the licensing of commercial jet ski hire under Section 94 of the Public Health Act Amendments Act 1907. The committee expressed opposition to permitting commercial jet ski hire.

ii. Felixstowe TravelWatch Bus Service Improvement Plan 2

Committee unanimously supported and endorsed Felixstowe TravelWatch's application to Suffolk County Council under the Bus Service Improvement Plan 2 funding, aimed at improving the frequency of First service 73 (Woodbridge to Old Felixstowe) to an hourly daytime service.

256. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.26am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 9.30am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____