

MINUTES of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** meeting held at Felixstowe Town Hall on **Wednesday 27 February 2019** at **9.15am**.

PRESENT: Cllr A Smith (Chairman) Cllr M Jepson
Cllr S Bird Cllr G Newman
Cllr Jan Garfield Cllr D Savage
Cllr Jon Garfield Cllr K Williams

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Abbott (Felixstowe Chamber of Trade and Commerce)

497. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

498. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr N Barber** and **Cllr S Gallant**.

499. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bird Cllr D Savage Cllr A Smith	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of Suffolk Coastal District Council)
Cllr S Bird Cllr G Newman	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of Suffolk County Council)

500. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

501. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the **Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2019** be signed by the **Chairman** as a true record.

502. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

a	<p>DC/19/0298/FUL The proposal is a 4 storey building and basement. Consisting of a Pub on the ground floor and a 50 Room hotel on the upper floors.. On the site of an old GP practice which has been demolished</p> <p>201 Hamilton Road</p>
<p>Committee NOTED that this application had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.</p>	
b	<p>DC/19/0547/VOC Variation of condition(s) 2 & 4 of application DC/18/2854/VOC- New replacement dwelling (New design of replacement dwelling) Conditions(s) Removal: Revised Design Substitute new drawing numbers for those cited on Decision Notice 18/2854</p> <p>Soundings Golf Road</p>
<p>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</p>	
c	<p>DC/19/0528/LBC Repairs to Listed Building. Including frame, cladding, flat roofs and windows.</p> <p>The Old Hall 37 High Road East</p>
<p>Committee welcomed the sympathetic upgrading of an Iconic building in Felixstowe and recommended APPROVAL.</p>	
d	<p>DC/19/0445/FUL Removal of existing unsafe concrete cliff steps & construction of new purpose made metal/concrete steps with guardings & handrails.</p> <p>Cliff Steps To Promenade Cliff Road</p>
<p>Committee recommended APPROVAL.</p>	
e	<p>DC/19/0458/FUL Construction of additional bedroom on first floor above existing rear ground floor extension.</p> <p>75 Gainsborough Road</p>
<p>Committee welcomed the reduced size and associated overlooking in this new application, however Committee still recommended REFUSAL unless the proposed white cladding can be replaced with a finish more appropriate to this property in the Conservation Area.</p>	
f	<p>DC/19/0653/FUL To extend to front facade for enlarged hallway and raise level of garage flat roof</p> <p>49 Westmorland Road</p>
<p>Committee recommend APPROVAL</p>	

g	<p>DC/19/0405/TPO T1 Sycamore - to be felled. Young tree in poor condition and lacking vigour. Poor amenity value. T2 Oak - to be felled. Young tree, suppressed, poor form and low amenity value. Both trees part of G1 under TPO. Trees in front corner of garden adjacent to Tyndale gardens entrance.</p> <p>Wycliffe House High Road East</p>
<p>Committee had NO OBJECTIONS to the proposed works subject to the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer</p>	

h	<p>DC/19/0671/TPO 2no. Sweet Chestnut in rear garden - pollard both to 14m. to reduce heavy overshadowing of garden.</p> <p>69 Tower Road</p>
<p>Committee had NO OBJECTIONS to the proposed works subject to the guidance of the District Council's Arboricultural Officer</p>	

503. PLANNING DECISIONS

RESOLVED that the decisions received from Suffolk Coastal District Council since the date of the previous agenda and up until the date of the agenda for this meeting be noted.

504. EDF ENERGY SIZEWELL C CONSULTATION

The Chairman updated Committee following further discussions held around the transport proposals. Committee agreed that the focus of the response should relate to the impact on Felixstowe from the road and rail proposals, in particular the freight management options being considered either at Innocence Farm or Seven Hills, the latter being Committee's preferred option. Any response should stress the need for infrastructure improvements to ease flow of traffic. Member also sought to highlight the rail freight capacity issues as they may affect Port of Felixstowe.

RESOLVED that the Clerk bring forward a draft response to the next meeting for consideration.

505. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk drew Members' attention to three potential referrals received from SCDC. It was agreed the Town Clerk would liaise with the Chairman to compose a referral request for DC/19/0004/VOC – Land West of Ferry Road Residential Centre.

506. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.06 am. The date of the next meeting was noted as being Wednesday 13 March 2019, 9.15am at Felixstowe Town Hall.

Date: _____ Chairman: _____