

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at
TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 21 July 2021 at 9.15am**

PRESENT: Cllr S Bird (Chairman)
Cllr A Smith
Cllr S Bennett (*up to and including item 84A*)
Cllr M Jepson
Cllr M Morris
Cllr D Savage

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 11 Members of Public (6 in person / 5 via Zoom)
Cllr S Wiles (via Zoom)

80. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman advised that he would invite members of the public to make their representations immediately prior to the application being considered.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Gallant**, **Cllr S Wiles** and **Cllr K Williams** due to other business.

Cllr S Bennett gave his apologies in advance of having to leave at 10.30am to attend to other business.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member(s)	Minute No.	Nature of Interest
Cllr S Bird Cllr M Jepson	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as Members of East Suffolk Council)
Cllr S Bird	All	Local Non-Pecuniary (as a Member of Suffolk County Council)

Cllr A Smith advised that he had had a conversation with the applicant of item 11A in recent weeks prior to the application being submitted.

83. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 7 July 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

84. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

At the direction of the Chairman, Committee heard representations from members of the public on the following application. A range of objections on the proposed ferris wheel were raised. Material planning objections included concerns over privacy and overlooking of neighbouring properties, its visual impact, insufficient car parking, flooding, increased noise and pollution. Concerns were also raised around the playing of pop music, vandalism and security of the site.

A	DC/21/0971/FUL Proposed seasonal erection of a Ferris wheel attraction and associated Hot / Cold food and drink kiosk with raised decking area for public seating. Felixstowe Promenade Sea Road
<p>Committee welcome in principle the idea of this exciting addition to Felixstowe tourism scene. However, we do not think that the location proposed is appropriate when taking in to account the number of residential properties adjoining the site that will be negatively impacted due to issues of overlooking, noise, and parking.</p> <p>Furthermore, Committee is greatly concerned that this proposal requires the use of a diesel generator. Given the environmental impact of this, the Town Council strongly recommends that mains electricity be a requirement rather than diesel.</p> <p>Committee therefore recommended REFUSAL as the proposal is contrary to SCLP 11.2 a); b); d); e); f); and g).</p>	

At this point, 10.30am, Cllr S Bennett left the meeting.

B	DC/21/3014/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters on planning permission DC/20/4389/OUT- Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - Demolition of Auction House and erection of 7 dwellings Diamond Mills Auction House Orwell Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL.	

C	DC/21/3057/OUT Erection of bungalow Land Rear Of 108-114 High Road
<p>Committee recommended REFUSAL and considers the proposal to be unacceptable as it would result in an incongruous form of backland development and contrary to SCLP 5.7 in respect of a) the street scene, b) the scale and design is not related to adjacent properties and, c) significant harm of residential amenity to neighbouring properties.</p> <p>We would also endorse the comments of the planning inspector in respect of the identical previous application on this site, in which they referred to “the appeal proposal represents an isolated backland development into an otherwise undeveloped area with an incongruous tandem relationship to adjoining development”.</p> <p>There are also issues of surface water flooding in this area which remain unresolved.</p>	

D	DC/21/3279/FUL The reconfiguration of the drive thru lane, car park and kerb lines to incorporate side by side ordering, with the introduction of an island for signage and associated works to the site. The removal of the existing remote bin store with a new corral formed at the rear of the store. The installation of a Goal Post height restrictor and 2 no. Customer Order Displays (COD). The relocation of existing signage and the installation of new signs. Mcdonald’s Restaurant Walton Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

E	DC/21/3280/ADI Illuminated Advertisement Consent - The reconfiguration of existing signs and installation of new signage: 3 no. Existing freestanding signs to be relocated with 2 no. New freestanding signs to be installed and 1 no. Click & serve directional. The 15" digital booth screen is to be retained as existing - shown on the plan for context. Mcdonald’s Restaurant Walton Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

F	DC/21/3281/ADI Illuminated Advertisement Consent - The installation of a new freestanding Totem sign. Mcdonald’s Restaurant Walton Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

G	DC/21/3109/FUL Removal of utility and toilet. Erect rear single storey extension for kitchen/family room. Erect part two storey to side elevation. Erect first floor over garage for bedroom. 24 Lansdowne Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
H	DC/21/3158/FUL Proposed single storey garage and garden room extension 107 St Andrews Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
I	DC/21/2864/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension with bay window 81 Cobbold Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
J	DC/21/2941/FUL Erection of new car port 1 The Old Dairy Victoria Street
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
K	DC/21/2231/FUL Apply 90mm of External Wall Insulation , Grey enhanced EPS to solid brick sections of the building, consisting of 8 social housing flats. The finish will be Johnstones Stormshield silicone enhanced render 1.5mm and render colour of choice, usually neutral white or cream colour. We are seeking permission due to the bottom section currently being of a brick finish, we propose to change this to a render finish. There are cavity wall sections of the building which will be insulated but left as a brick finish. 117 Langer Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	
I	DC/21/2999/FUL Proposed change of use from financial services offices for use by the applicants only, to single dwellinghouse. 13 Quilter Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

M	DC/21/2844/FUL Retrospective Application- Installation of extraction ventilation equipment at take-away premises 67 Undercliff Road West
<p>Committee recommended REFUSAL. We believe it is contrary to SCLP 11.2 e) due to the intrusion to the amenity of the neighbour; and, SCLP 11.1 a) where it relates to safety.</p> <p>In light of comments submitted to the planning authority, we would question the safety of this installation from an electrical and heat perspective.</p> <p>We also believe that this is contrary to SCLP 11.5 b) given that this visually intrusive installation, visible from the street-scene neither preserves nor enhances the Conservation Area.</p> <p>Given the objections from neighbours on the safety, additional smells and fumes resulting from this installation, we query whether is it fit for purpose and would ask the East Suffolk Environmental Health team to urgently review this.</p>	

N	DC/21/3189/FUL Replacement staircase and enclosure Palace Bingo Club Hamilton Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

O	DC/21/3171/FUL Retrospective Application - Erection of 2m high timber panel fence fronting a highway Suffolk Sands Caravan Park Carr Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

P	DC/21/3139/FUL Reposition vehicular access requiring removal and replacement of one tree Manor Court 9 The Courts
<p>Committee recommended APPROVAL. Given the clearly inconvenient and inefficient access, we support the proposal, having regard to the fact that the new entrance will be some 10 metres from the corner of Bath Road.</p>	

Q	DC/21/3290/TPO TPO SCDC 04/0174 Sweet chestnut (T1) - 2 - 2.5 meter crown reduction. This is to crown reduce the sweet chestnut to previous cut marks completed in 2018 under TPO application ref: DC/18/2923/TPO. reasons for work are to reduce windthrow and garden clearance. Allowing an increase of light to the property 1 Cliff Court
Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer	

85. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members present noted the decisions received from East Suffolk Council since the date of the previous agenda and up until the date of the agenda for this meeting be noted.

86. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee noted the following.

- i) **Application for Community Asset Registration.**
Committee noted that East Suffolk Council has received an application from The Church Road Neighbourhood Group to register The White Horse Public House, 33 Church Road, as an Asset of Community Value. The Clerk advised that an 8 week consultation period had commenced from 15 July to 9 September and this would be put on the next Committee agenda for formal comment by the Town Council.

- ii) **DC/21/2318/FUL – The White Horse, 33 Church Road.** Committee noted that a Heritage Statement had been added to the planning portal in respect of this application. Committee agreed that its original comments in respect of this application would remain and no further consideration was required at this time.

87. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 12.04pm. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4th August at 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____