

**MINUTES of a PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING held at
TOWN HALL, Felixstowe, on Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 9.15am**

PRESENT: Cllr S Bird (Chairman) Cllr M Morris
Cllr A Smith (Vice-Chairman) Cllr D Savage
Cllr M Jepson

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of the public (*via Zoom*)

167. 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.

168. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr S Bennett**, **Cllr S Gallant**, **Cllr S Wiles** and **Cllr K Williams**.

169. 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)
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170. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 22 September 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

171. 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/21/4083/FUL The Lions Club of Felixstowe is a registered charity. One of its activities is to store, maintain and erect the Christmas Lights in Felixstowe town centre. This work is currently carried out in the Sports Hall of the old Deben School site. This is a temporary home and East
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	Suffolk Council have indicated that a permanent home could be accommodated next to the FACTS Bus Buildings in the Garrison Road Car Park. The proposed development includes a demountable workshop (currently the Fitness Centre building at the Deben High School site) and three, 40ft containers (to store the Christmas Lights), this will be contained within a fenced area that will include the FACTS buildings. There will be parking for the Lions van and parking for 6 cars within the fenced area so there will be no reduction in the capacity of the public car park. Car Park Garrison Lane
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	Committee recommended APPROVAL
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B	DC/21/4417/FUL Construction of a single storey side and rear extension 12 Lynwood Avenue
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

C	DC/21/4311/VOC Variation of Condition 2 of DC/20/1973/FUL - Proposed single storey and two storey front extensions, replacement roof structures incorporating first floor accommodation and alterations - New plans reducing the overall G.I.A. to less than 100sq metres, proposed airing cupboard/storage changed to loft only 208 Ferry Road
Committee recommended APPROVAL	

D	DC/21/4404/FUL Single storey rear and side extension with second storey infil between double gable roof 27 Langer Road
Committee recommended REFUSAL.	
<p>We have considered this application carefully, particularly with regards to its prominent location in the Felixstowe South Conservation Area. As this is sited on a corner plot the proposals will be highly visible from both the front and side. We feel that both the 2nd floor infill (and apparently flat roof) and ground floor elements as proposed would be visually intrusive. This will be particularly evident at the ground floor - due to both the proposed flat roof, unsympathetic design, and the loss of the distinctive bay window. We feel therefore that the proposal as a whole neither preserves nor enhances the CA and is contrary to SCLP 11.5 para. a) b) and c).</p>	

E	<p>DC/21/4374/FUL Single storey rear extension with loft conversion 14 Sunray Avenue</p> <p>Committee recommended REFUSAL.</p> <p>The drawings as shown do not clearly specify whether there will be an increase in roof height. That notwithstanding we are still concerned as to the significant changes to the otherwise homogenous street scene in particular the addition of Velux windows and the loss of the distinctive chimney. Whilst we recognise that this application is different from the previously refused application DC/21/2249/FUL we still feel that this is in contravention of SCLP 11.1 c) (ii) layout and (iv) street scene and SCLP 11.2 e) physical relationship with other properties.</p>
F	<p>DC/21/4252/VOC Variation of Condition No.2 of DC/21/2111/FUL - Change of use of salon and flat over to one dwelling with rear extension - design changed (reduced) to suit updated requirements 47 Orwell Road</p> <p>Committee recommended APPROVAL. In addition, we do welcome the removal of the prominent previously proposed side extension. We feel that the revised application is more sympathetic to the Conservation Area than the previous.</p>
G	<p>DC/21/2816/FUL Extension on rear for kitchen/ family area and utility. Alterations throughout existing bungalow and provide toilet in rear of garage. Provide hardi-plank cladding to extensions and 'k' render to whole of remainder of bungalow. Enlarge parking area. 62 Rosemary Avenue</p> <p>Committee recommended REFUSAL.</p> <p>We welcome the removal of the porch element from this revised application, but we repeat our concerns from the previous application concerning the loss of light amenity to no. 60. Whilst we recognise that the current occupier of the host property may reach agreement with the current occupier of no. 60, we are concerned about the impact on the future occupier of no. 60 and are still of the view that this is contrary to SCLP 11.2 c).</p>
H	<p>DC/21/4270/TPO TPO SCDC 06 00195 T1 Sweet Chestnut standing in adjacent rear garden - remove 3 lowest limbs back to main trunk (equivalent to 10m. crown lift) to reduce overhang and shading. 72 Garrison Lane</p> <p>Committee had NO OBJECTION to the work proposed subject to the guidance of the East Suffolk Council's Arboricultural Officer</p>

I	<p>DC/21/4395/TCA Fell the dying Sycamore tree in the corner Fell three Sycamore trees in the middle of the back woodland area Fell one Holly tree. Remove one limb from a Sycamore tree overhanging the neighbour's garden.</p> <p>Remove the dead wood form one Holm Oak tree. Fell five Holm Oak trees in the front garden. Pollard Holm Oak trees near the trampoline. Pollard one Holm Oak tree by the boundary wall.</p> <p>Ridley House Maybush Lane</p> <p>Whilst we are sympathetic to the problems in managing diseased trees, and to the problems that can occur with some sycamores, there is no available plan of where the affected trees are situated and therefore which of the trees are visible from the public highway.</p>
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172. 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.

173. LETTER TO HIGHWAYS AUTHORITIES AND OTHER AGENCIES

Committee reviewed a draft letter from the Mayor of Felixstowe to the Suffolk County Council Cabinet Member for Highways, National Highways and other agencies, in respect of the gridlock issues experienced on Thursday 2nd September. It was noted that the local MP had also taken up this matter and a letter in response from National Highways was reviewed.

With some minor amendments, Committee RESOLVED that the letter be sent by the Mayor on behalf of Felixstowe Town Council.

174. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

175. CLOSURE

The meeting was closed at 11.22 am. It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 20th October at 9.15am.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____