

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020 at 8:25 pm in
The Cell, The Old Court House, Bridge Street**

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Present:

Cllrs: D Beal, P Collins, C Eastwood, S Garrett (Chair), P Wraight.

3. In Attendance:

Mr J Overbury (Deputy Town Clerk – DTC)

4. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Beal declared an interest in item 11 and signed the Interest Book.

5. Minutes of previous meeting:

Cllr Garrett proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting (circulated in draft form prior to the meeting) be approved as an accurate record, which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour.

The Chairman then signed the minutes.

5.1 Update on Actions from last meeting:

5.1.1 Flooding on Brook Lane

The DTC reported that, with the help of the resident who reported the flooding, the passage in the Flood Risk Assessment indicating Persimmon's duty to investigate the route the water would take had been identified. Cllr Beal volunteered to examine the planning conditions with a view to discovering if this action was a requirement under the planning permission. The DTC would then draft a response to Suffolk County Council (SCC) and East Suffolk Council (ESC).

5.1.2 Developments at FRAM 25.

The DTC reported that no further information had been posted on the ESC planning website and had asked for this to be corrected. A letter from a resident (moved up the agenda from 10.2) regarding more activity on the site was noted. It was noted that a resident had submitted a freedom of information request to SCC Highways regarding the access to the site and the outcome of this was awaited.

6. Public Comment:

None.

7. To note any planning decisions received prior to the meeting:

DC/19/3650/FUL Change of use office to two bed flat 59-61 College Rd (former HEART building)

Planning Permission Granted. FTC Objected – parking

The DTC was asked to contact ESC Planning and ask what process was applied to this decision. The Committee felt that as the Town Council Objected to the plan either there should have been a referral or the Town Council informed that the decision was to be made by ESC planning Committee.

DC/19/4739/FUL single storey rear extension and alterations 8a Fore St IP13 9DY

Planning Permission Granted. FTC Supported. Decision noted.

8. To consider any Planning applications received prior to the meeting:

DC/19/5012/FUL Replacement to the front boundary walk, new railings gate and hardstanding.
88 Station Road IP13 9EE
The Planning Committee SUPPORTED this application.

9. SCDC Potential Referral of planning applications:

None.

10. Correspondence received since the last meeting:

10.1 Letter from resident re Potters.

This was noted. The DTC was asked to respond to the resident informing them that the letter would be kept on file and that whilst the Town Council could not influence a private commercial process it had written to the land owner asking for a meeting to discuss the site. The resident's misconception of the number of houses being planned for the town would also be addressed.

10.2 Letter re FRAM 25 (covered above in 5.1.2)

Covered in 5.1.1 above.

11. Non-Compliance and other issues relating to the Persimmon developments:

11.1 Next Liaison meeting

The DTC would continue to seek a liaison meeting. It was noted that the Persimmon site play area did not have any play equipment installed. This was in contrast to the other two large developments which were well equipped. The DTC would photograph all three sites and draft an email to ESC Planning Enforcement (CC P Ridley Head of Planning) with a view to rectifying this situation.

12 2018/19 Action Plan:

Updates:

It was agreed to review the Housing need in the town and feed this information into the revision of the Neighbourhood Plan. The DTC would look for up to date information on housing need especially for affordable housing.

13 Matters of report or items for next agenda:

None.

14 Next meeting date:

Monday February 17th 2020 at 20:00

The meeting closed at 9:23PM