

**Approved Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 at 8.00pm in
The Cell, The Old Court House, Bridge Street**

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B Roberts

Present:

Cllr D Beal, Cllr P Collins, Cllr C Eastwood and Cllr S Garrett (Chair)

In Attendance:

Mrs E Coe (Town Clerk/RFO)

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Cllr Garrett proposed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th December, (Circulated in draft form prior to the meeting) were approved as an accurate record, which was seconded by Cllr Beal with all in favour. Cllr Garrett then signed the minutes.

4. Public Comment:

None.

5. Planning decisions:

The following planning decisions were noted:

DC/17/4669/FUL Mr & Mrs G Walker – 34 Brook Lane – Planning Permission

DC/17/4685/FUL Mr K Whatling – 46 College Road – Planning Permission

DC/17/4583/FUL Mr M Harvey – Edwards Farm, Coles Green – Planning Permission

6. Planning applications:

The following planning applications were considered:

- **DC/17/5319/FUL Mr R Bain (English Heritage) – Framlingham Castle- T62 Ash - reduce height by 5m and crown spread by 3m, reduce overextended scaffold branch by 50%, minor crown balance as required. T187 Ash – remove split and hanging branches. Crown reduce by 50%**

T72 False Acacia – Tip reduce branches to give 2.5 m clearance over footpath. T26 Horse Chestnut - Reduce to 4-5m height and side branches to 0.5m from stem, leave as deadwood habitat.

618118 The Planning Committee SUPPORTED the application.

- **DC/17/5366/FUL Mr N Dunham – Coppers, Coles Green – Division and extension of 5 bed bungalow to form one 2 bed bungalow and one 3 bed bungalow**

628118 The Planning Committee SUPPORTED the application.

- **DC/17/5420/FUL Nicole Gaunt/Flagship Housing – Former Foyer 59-61 College Road – Demolition of existing ‘Foyer’ building and erection of 3 two-bedroomed properties for social rental, and associated works.**

638118 The Planning Committee supported the application, subject to provision of adequate parking spaces and the resolution of the dispute over ownership of part of the site with the property owner of no 1 Mount Pleasant.

- **DC/17/5435/FUL Mr & Mrs C Neill – Boundary Farm, Saxtead Road – conversion of timber framed barn to dwelling**

648118 The Planning Committee SUPPORTED the application.

7. SCDC Potential Referral of planning applications:

None.

8. Correspondence received since the last meeting:

Taylor Wimpey -Response to issue raised at last meeting:

Taylor Wimpey had been “asked to move the sub-station by the electricity company as the earthing study of the site identified it as a ‘hot earth’ site meaning that ‘we need to ensure that there isn’t a plot or streetlight within 9m of the substation as potentially metalwork could become live causing in the worst instance fatalities. As the demand was made on the basis of a risk to human life we made the change immediately, but it would appear that there was a miscommunication as to who would deal with the planning implications and we are now in contact with the local planning authority to discuss how this is resolved. We have confirmed to the local

authority that the substation will not be going 'live' until this issue is addressed and we apologise for the concern caused. In all honesty, this comes down to human error which we are undertaking to resolve" The Town Clerk advised that Taylor Wimpey had also offered to meet with Town Council to discuss this matter if required.

Following discussion the Town Clerk was requested to respond to Taylor Wimpey advising of the Town Council's disappointment that this situation had arisen and that the building was erected without planning permission, also that it was noted that a retrospective planning application would be applied for and the Planning Committee would like to know what remedial landscaping would be proposed as part of the planning application.

9. 2017/18 Action Plan:

- Updates

None.

- Detailed and fully costed CIL funding nominations for IPC

None.

10. Matters of report or items for next agenda:

- DC/17/1853/OUT Land on west side of Station Terrace

The Town Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the Officers Report presented to the SCDC delegation panel, which was noted.

There followed some discussion on the Scheme of Delegation process and concern was expressed that the process was not working satisfactorily, as even when responding within the 5 working day requirement applications were still being decided by Officers and not the SCDC Planning Committee, when there would be a further opportunity for the Town Council to speak verbally at the meeting. Cllr Garrett and the Town Clerk with the assistance of Cllr Beal would work on a letter to SCDC challenging the process.

- Taylor Wimpey – Tree Work

The Town Clerk reported that Taylor Wimpey's contractor Urban Forestry would be carrying out the works to T36 on the 9th January 2018 under two-way temporary traffic lights (approved by Suffolk County Council Highways). The tree was unable to be felled last year due to a nesting bird being present.

11. Next meeting date:

Monday 12th February 2018 at 8.00pm (*Approximate timing – to follow the Rights of Way, Highways & Lighting Committee meeting*)

Meeting closed 21.17pm