

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2018 at 8.05pm in The Cell,
The Old Court House, Bridge Street**

1. Apologies:

None received, all present.

Present: Cllr D Beal, Cllr P Collins, Cllr C Eastwood, Cllr S Garrett (Chairman) and Cllr B Roberts.

In Attendance:

Mrs E Coe (Town Clerk/RFO) and Mr J Overbury (Deputy Town Clerk)

2. Declarations of Interest:

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Cllr Eastwood proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 17 September 2018, (Circulated in draft form prior to the meeting) be approved as an accurate record, which was seconded by Cllr Beal and with two abstentions due to absence, all were in favour.

Cllr Eastwood then signed the minutes.

4. Public Comment:

None.

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

None received.

6. To consider the following Planning applications and any others received prior to the meeting:

DC/18/3972/FUL Ms Judith Lockie 22-24 Fore Street. Refurbishment of the existing commercial units and extension of existing first floor flat.

61151018 The Planning Committee SUPPORTED the application with all in favour

DC/18/4052/FUL Mr and Mrs Biggs. Foresters Hall, 6 Albert Road Framlingham.

Conversion of Hall to two, two bed dwellings.

62151018 The Planning Committee OBJECTED to the application with all in favour.

The Planning Committee objected to the change of use of the building from a community space, which Framlingham is short of, to dwellings. The Committee noted that the building meets the criteria for and is listed as a Community Asset until 2023. It was also noted that Core Strategy Policy DM31 protects against the loss of public buildings such as community centres, unless there is no proven need. This is reflected in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Planning Committee also noted that whilst one of the flats was described as a two bed dwelling the plans show three rooms with beds in, and as such would fall short of the required number of parking spaces, at a location where parking is very limited.

DC/18/4073/FUL Renat Investments, 24 Well Close Square. Demolition of storage building and erection of 2 storey shop/office

63151018 The Planning Committee OBJECTED to the application with all in favour. The Planning Committee felt that the application did not give enough information about the proposed unit to determine whether one parking space was sufficient for a business given the lack of alternative parking in the town.

7. SCDC Potential Referral of planning applications:

None received.

8. Correspondence received since the last meeting:

The email from a resident asking if there were plans for another supermarket in the town had been responded to by the Town Clerk and was noted.

9. Suffolk Design Guide

Disappointment was expressed at the quality and value of the survey and it was resolved not to respond to it.

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

It was agreed that, once the SCDC case officer had submitted the report on the Persimmon development and the issue was on the SCDC Planning Committee agenda then Cllr Garrett would prepare a text to be read at the SCDC planning Committee. This would be circulated in draft for comment and agreement, by the members of the Planning committee.

10. 2018/19 Action Plan:

It was resolved that Cllr Garrett review the Action Plan prior to the next Committee meeting

11. Matters of report or items for next agenda:

No Expansion of Sir Robert Hitcham's Primary School

The decision by the County Council not to expand the Primary School was noted. The DTC was asked to write to SCC Schools Infrastructure Programme Officer, with a copy sent to the Head Teacher, asking for the forecast number of pupils at the School upon which that decision was reached, and also to ask what number of pupils was forecast in the future.

12. Next meeting date:

Monday 19th November 2018 at 8.00pm (*Approximate timing – to follow the Rights of Way, Highways & Lighting Committee meeting*)

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.