

**Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th December 2018 at 8.00pm in
The Cell, The Old Court House, Bridge Street**

(Approximate timing – to follow the Rights of Way, Highways & Lighting Committee meeting)

1. Apologies:

None all present.

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr J Overbury (Deputy Town Clerk), and four members of the public.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr B Roberts declared an interest in agenda item 12 (Conservative Club ACV)

Cllr Roberts then signed the interest book.

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Cllr Garrett proposed the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 17th November 2018 (circulated in draft form prior to the meeting) were approved as an accurate record, which was seconded by Cllr Collins and, with one abstention due to absence, all were in favour.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

4. Public Comment:

Cllr Garrett proposed to adjourn the meeting for public comment which was approved.

A resident of the Persimmon Homes development on Mount Pleasant voiced concerns about holding Persimmon to account. He hoped that this could be achieved before they left the site as he felt once they had finished, they would not be available to rectify the many faults. He gave an example of the widely varying fences that were used which he felt was particularly ugly. Cllr Garrett reaffirmed that the Town Council's position was the same. Another resident said that they felt the pedestrian safety was poor – particularly if they wished to cross Mount Pleasant.

Cllr Garrett then proposed to reconvene the meeting which was approved.

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

The following planning decisions were noted:

DC/18/3729/FUL (Extension to rear of building – FTC Supported)

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

The application DC/184946/FUL (Erection of detached garage and home office) was deferred to the next Full Council Meeting to allow Councillors to inspect the location.

7. SCDC Potential Referral of planning applications:

DC/18/4073/FUL – 24 Well Close Square – demolition of shed construction of 2 storey office. Cllr Garrett proposed to discuss the matter with the Town Clerk and to establish what was the reason for the SCDC Case Officer to approve the application which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour.

8. Correspondence received since the last meeting:

8.1 Suffolk Coastal District Council

The copy of a letter sent to residents of the Persimmon Mount Pleasant development from SCDC was noted.

8.1 Framlingham Community Baptist Church

Two emails on behalf of the Trustees of the Framlingham Community Baptist Church sent to SCDC regarding the status of the Former Foresters Hall as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) were discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman should draft a letter to SCDC asking for clarity on the process of a building seeking protection through an ACV.

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

Cllr Garrett reiterated the Town Council's position on this development. He said that the Town Council remains opposed to the recent application to vary the approved planning permission by Persimmon, and wished to see Persimmon held to account for building a development far below the standard agreed. The rectification must be achieved at no cost or inconvenience to the residents who had already moved into the development.

Cllr Garrett said that SCDC had called a meeting for Wednesday 19th December where the Town Council and residents would be able to discuss proposals to rectify the problems with SCDC and representatives from Persimmon.

10. Results of Complaint regarding the Coach House at the White Horse

The timeline and correspondence relating to this case was noted.

11. Meeting with Scott Properties:

The notes from the meeting with Scott Properties were noted.

12 Consideration of the Conservative Club as an Asset of Community Value

Cllr Roberts explained that the lease from the Association of Conservative Clubs (the Freeholder) was due to expire on the 31st December 2018, and that the Club would close on the 21st December 2018. Cllr Roberts proposed to register the building as an Asset of Community Value which was seconded by Cllr Garrett with all in favour. The Deputy Clerk was instructed to complete the process.

13. 2018/19 Action Plan:

No updates to report.

14. Matters of report or items for next agenda:

None.

15. Next meeting date:

Monday 21st January 2018.

The meeting closed at 9:03pm.