

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 30th September 2020 AT 4.00pm by Zoom Video Conference In accordance with (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020)

Present: Councillors;

P Dutton (Chair), A Fleming, J Reece, K Prime, D Thomas, M Took, D Wollweber.

In Attendance: N Rees (Town Clerk), CIIr R Lewis, No members of the public.

Minutes

1. Apologies: T Allen, J Wagner

2. Declarations of interest: Cllr Thomas for item 5b

- 3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th August, 2020 was accepted as a true record.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes: None
- 5. Planning Applications: To consider the following:
 - a) Listed Building Consent DC/19/1498/LBC. The revisions are to include strengthening of a timber beam above the rear office, rebuilding of the remains of a dilapidated chimney stack and installation of a concrete ground bearing slab in the retail area. Together with use of T+G chipboard flooring to the upper floors. The Committee recommended approval of this application.
 - b) Variation of Condition on DC/16/1201/FUL (Construction of 1 No. house and 1 No. Chalet bungalow with detached double garage in grounds of Huntley House. Construction of a two storey front extension and single storey link extension and double garage to Huntley house and conversion of existing building to domestic studio in association with Huntley House) The Committee recommended approval of this application.
- 7. Miles Ward Court: To consider the response from HTC for the ESC Planning Committee meeting on the 13th October at 2pm. The Chair had circulated two documents that he had written for submission to East Suffolk Council; an overview of the Town Council's view that the application should be refused and a rebuttal of the Noise Response document. The Committee agreed with both documents and it was RESOLVED that these documents would be submitted to East Suffolk Council before the scheduled meeting on the 13th October.
- 8. Planning Webinar 16th September Planning white paper: To receive any feedback or comments. The Committee were generally of the opinion that the Government's proposed changes to the current planning policies would not benefit the town and would reduce the input of both Town and District councils. Cllr Thomas offered to circulate Birkett's briefing on this matter. It was noted that Cllr Allen had already made comments and conducted some research into these changes and the Chair

would ask CIIr Allen to compile a written response and then committee members would be able to review and comment on this before it was submitted.

- 9. Thoroughfare Long Stay Car Park development: The Committee members were aware that a planning application had been submitted but at the time of the meeting this application had not been validated by East Suffolk Council and it was therefore not possible to discuss it any further. However it was RESOLVED that when the application is officially validated and in the public domain that the Committee recommends that the Council considers the application in an extraordinary meeting.
- 10. Correspondence: None
- 11. News Items: The Planning application on the Thoroughfare Long Stay Car Park development would be advertised on Facebook and websites once it was received