

MINUTES of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at The 1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich on Wednesday 12th December 2012 commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Councillors Calver, Day, Fowler, Todd, J Henderson, I Henderson, Thompson, King, Flavell and Thurlow.

In the Chair: Councillor McLeod

Acting Clerk: Mrs Michelle Townsend

Also present: No members of the public and 1 member of the press

Absent: Cllr C & R Callender

Public Question Time: No Questions

Cllr Calver asked the Chairman and members to suspend standing orders in order for members to urgently address and act upon the very recent spate of robberies within our Town Centre. The Clerk informed members that this was not following standard procedures but acknowledged that that it was an urgent matter.

Whilst standing orders were suspended, members discussed the recent attacks on local business premises and their shock with the reported response times and felt that urgent action was necessary.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Inspector Willis and ask that at the next Full Council meeting, members are provided with a record of the following for the last 3 months:-

- Details of all Town Centre crimes and response times, in particular to shop burglaries and break-ins.
- How many of the crimes were detected as a result of the CCTV and were there evidence grade images obtained from the footage?

FURTHER RESOLVED: Clerk to write to the most Senior Officer at Clacton Police Station, the newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex and Bernard Jenkin MP, to voice concerns over the high level of crime that Harwich is experiencing and in particular, the apparent inability of the police to react effectively to prevent it and to request that 24 hour policing is restored immediately to Harwich Police Station, 7 days a week, with sufficient levels to deal with the upsurge of crime in Dovercourt and Harwich.

P070/12 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies received from Cllrs Brown, Gibbins and Double

P071/12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr McLeod referred to his position on the Development & Control Committee at TDC
Cllr King and Cllr McLeod declared interest with reference to application 12/01315/TPO

P072/12 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Town Planning meeting held on Wednesday 21st November 2012 (previously circulated) be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

- P073/12** **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
Cllr Flavell informed members that following his FOI request regarding the Hangings, the amount of compensation is £58,800.
- P074/12** **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications for weeks ending 23rd November, 30th November and 7th December 2012.
RESOLVED: Recommendations in Appendix 'A' be submitted to Tendring District Council.
- P075/12** **WITHDRAWAL OF BATHSIDE BAY PLANNING APPLICATION**
Following notification from The Planning Inspectorate that the application has now been withdrawn, members felt that it was necessary to voice concerns over the length of time it took before an objection was made and the possible implications.
RESOLVED: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Day and Cllr I Henderson and write to the Secretary of State expressing our concerns.
- P076/12** **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS ASSESSMENT**
Members considered the request for feedback from Brett Associates who have been instructed by TDC to undertake an update to the Tendring Infrastructure Study to reflect the new emerging Tendring Local Plan. It was decided to further discuss this issue at the next Full Council meeting.
RESOLVED: Clerk to obtain the present procedures for S106 monies from TDC.
- P077/12** **MATTERS RECEIVED IN POST OR INFORMATION RAISED BY MEMBERS**
- Members noted the planning appeal by Dovercourt Holiday Lodges Ltd.
- P078/12** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
The next Town Planning meeting will be held at the **1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich, on 2nd January 2012 at 6.30pm.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.24pm

Chairman

Date

APPENDIX A

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL: Recommendations of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th December 2012

<p>WEEK ENDING 23RD DECEMBER</p> <p>12/01243/FUL Mr Howard</p> <p>12/01279/FUL Mr G W Haxell</p> <p>12/01280/FUL Mr & Mrs R J Cummings</p> <p>12/01284/FUL East of England Co-Operative Society</p> <p>12/01315/TPO Mr B Boxall</p>	<p>Installation of upvc conservatory to the rear</p> <p>Single storey front extension</p> <p>Single storey side extension</p> <p>Installation of acoustic screen in service yard to rear</p> <p>1 No. Field Maple - reduce and re-shape approximately 40% and beyond previous cutting points. Crown thin by 15%.</p>	<p>No objection</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>No objection</p>
<p>WEEK ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER</p> <p>12/01272/FUL Tendring District Council</p>	<p>Replacement of existing hardwood / glazed communal entrance door and frame with new steel / glazed security door & upgraded door entry system</p>	<p>No objection</p>
<p>WEEK ENDING 7TH DECEMBER</p> <p>12/01333/LUEX</p> <p>12/01334/FUL</p>	<p>Lawful development certificate for use as House in Multiple Occupation (Sui Generis' use)</p> <p>Proposed alterations to roof and new garage</p>	<p>No objection</p> <p>No objection</p>

12/01322/FUL	Demolition of rear building. Erection of 3 x 2bed dwellings	HTC recommend refusal on the grounds of over development, no designated parking and no amenity space.
12/01342/FUL	Two storey side extension	No objection