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**MINUTES**  
 of the  
**TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
 held at  
**The Guildhall, Church Street, Harwich**  
 on  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 6.35pm**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors Calver, Erskine, Fay, Fowler, I Henderson, J Henderson, McLeod, Morrison, C Powell and Smith
<b>In the Chair:</b>	Councillor Todd
<b>Clerk:</b>	Mrs Lucy Ballard
<b>Also present:</b>	4 members of the public and 0 members of the press

In the absence of a Chairman, Cllr I Henderson proposed that Cllr Todd take the Chair for this meeting, which was seconded by Cllr Morrison.

**Public Question Time:** Mrs Kramer, of Dovercourt, asked members if the council were aware of the proposed development at the former Health Centre site, which is currently under appeal, is unacceptable due to the 48 parking spaces needed. She further referred to a second application, which had reduced the provision for parking but stated that the size and mass of the development was no different and asked if this meant that both proposals were unacceptable. Cllr McLeod confirmed the appeal is underway on the initial application, which was refused due to highways constraints. He said the second application had endeavoured to address the issues over parking, which now brought the proposals in line with planning criteria. He suggested obtaining verification direct from the Planning Officer. Mr Rossini, of Main Road, Dovercourt, raised concern over the aforementioned planning application and the existence of flowering plum trees on the site and he asked the council if a request can be made for a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) to be placed on these. Cllr J Henderson said as the subject of this proposal is on the agenda, this request will be discussed at that point.

<b>P137/14</b>	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> Cllrs Ashley, B Brown, J Brown and Carr. Absence from Cllr Harriss
<b>P138/14</b>	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS</u></b> None
<b>P139/14</b>	<b><u>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</u></b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the minutes of the Town Planning meeting held on Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 (previously circulated) be approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
<b>P140/14</b>	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u></b> Cllr I Henderson acknowledged former Cllr David Flavell, who was in attendance, and thanked him for his efforts in pushing forward with 20 Market Street, for which an application was being considered at this meeting following a fire which damaged the property in 2012.
<b>P141/14</b>	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></b> None

<p><b>P142/14</b></p>	<p><b><u>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u></b>  The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications for weeks ending 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> Recommendations in Appendix Aqbe submitted to Tendring District Council.</p>
<p><b>P143/14</b></p>	<p><b><u>MATTERS RECEIVED IN THE POST OR RAISED BY MEMBERS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Members noted approval of outline application 15/00161/OUT</b> . Existing garage to be demolished and a new two storey house to be constructed - Land rear of 85 Fronks Road.</li> <li>~ <b>Members noted approval of application 15/00341/LBC</b> . Conversion of grade 2 Listed Building from class order A1 (Retail) to Class Order C3 (residential), retaining existing façade . 44 Church Street, Harwich</li> <li>~ <b>Members noted refusal of application . 15/00223/FUL</b> . Change of use from business use to residential dwelling . Camberley Lodge 99 Fronks Road, Dovercourt.</li> <li>• <b>Members noted approval of application 15/00457/FUL</b> - Change of Use from A1 shop to C3 dwelling house, demolition of existing rear extension to provide amenity area, addition of single storey front &amp; rear extensions, change from flat roof to part pitched roof to provide rooms in the roof - 1A Dove Crescent Dovercourt.</li> <li>• <b>Members noted application 15/00697/MMO</b> . Harwich Haven Authority (HHA) is seeking to identify a new disposal site for its maintenance dredging material which is closer to shore than the existing disposal site at the Inner Gabberd, located off the Harwich coast. <b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY.</b></li> <li>• <b>Members considered a Planning Refusal Appeal 14/00771/FUL</b> . Erection of 24 residential flats with associated parking &amp; amenity space - 407 Main Road. Cllr J Henderson clarified that the appeal is for the first application for the 2-bed flats, which was refused on highways grounds and planning officers maintain their stance that they made the right decision in refusing the proposals. Cllr Erskine concurred with Cllr Henderson and said even with the second, scaled down application, it's still over-crowded. If the appeal is successful there will be too much parking forcing this on-street which would put pressure on the locality. Tendring District Council is opposing the appeal on the initial grounds.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> To submit comments to the Planning Inspectorate to confirm HTC endorse the objections being raised by the Planning Authority and we wish to support those continued objections.  <b>FURTHER RESOLVED:</b> To submit an application for a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on the flowering plum trees on this development.  ~ The Clerk also informed members of a Householder Planning application <b>15/00668/HHPNOT</b> . Erection of single storey, gable end roof, rear extension, 5m in depth with an overall height of 3.95m at 47 Gordon Road, Dovercourt.</li> </ul>
<p><b>P144/14</b></p>	<p><b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b>  The next Town Planning meeting will be held at the <b>1912 Centre, Cow Lane, Harwich, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 6.30pm.</b></p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.26pm

**CHAIRMAN**

**DATE**

**APPENDIX A**

HARWICH TOWN COUNCIL:

Recommendations of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015

<b>WEEK ENDING 24TH APRIL 2015</b>		
15/00530/FUL Mr K Sparkes 86 Lee Road Dovercourt	Proposed garage construction.	<b>No Objection</b>
15/00561/FUL Ms Jane Monahan 30 Kings Head Street Harwich	Change of use of upper floors from B8 - storage and distribution to C3 - single family dwelling (3-bed). Ground floor to remain as B8 Storage.	<b>No Objection</b>
15/00614/TPO Harry Land off Mill Lane Dovercourt	2 No. Lime - fell. 2 No. Sycamores - fell	<b>Defer consideration of this proposal and to seek additional information from TDC. And to request the Planning Authority do not reach a decision until HTC are able to comment.</b>
<b>WEEK ENDING 1ST MAY 2015</b>		
15/00527/LBC Mrs Lucy Ballard - Harwich Town Council Guildhall 11 Church Street Harwich	Installation of stairlift to first floor.	<b>Noted</b>
15/00608/FUL Mr & Mrs Neil Callaby 37 Lee Road Dovercourt	Proposed change of use from former Pet Supply shop (Canes Pet Supplies) to Foot Clinic.	<b>No Objection</b>
15/00615/FUL Mr J Farmer 20 - 20B Market Street Harwich	Demolition of existing building (retail ground floor & residential 1st, 2nd, 3rd floors) and replacement with new residential 4 storey building providing 8 proposed apartments.	<b>No Objection</b>

**WEEK ENDING 8TH MAY 2015**

15/00622/FUL Timeline Auctions Ltd - Mr Brett Hammond Harwich Magistrates Court 363 Main Road Harwich	Change of use of former courthouse to caretakers living quarters, auction company facilities and museum.	<b>No Objection</b>
15/00652/FUL Mr Aidan Callender 69 Lee Road Dovercourt	Construction of new single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear store and conservatory).	<b>No Objection</b>
15/00664/FUL Mr & Mrs Neil Taylor 16 Ramsey Road Dovercourt	Two storey rear extension & single storey front, side & rear extensions for private use, front drive area to be extended with a circular gravel system.	<b>No Objection</b>

**WEEK ENDING 15TH MAY 2015**

15/00636/LBC Ms Julie Smith 11 Eastgate Street Harwich	Installation of kitchen, reinstatement of hallway by reinstating wall, repair of staircase, proposed decorative features and alterations to layout.	<b>No Objection</b>
15/00687/FUL East of England Co-op 1 Ramsey Road Dovercourt	Proposed sub division of first floor accommodation into 2 apartments and conversion of part ground floor into 1 apartment for disabled persons with proposed 2 storey extension for 2 apartments. All as approval 12/000436/FUL (4 extra dwelling units).	<b>No Objection</b>
15/00724/FUL Mr & Mrs Patterson 22 The Drive Dovercourt	Demolition of garage and conservatory, construction of extension to rear and new garage.	<b>No Objection</b>