

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of a Meeting held on Tuesday 26 April 2016  
at 7.00 p.m.  
at Champions Manor Hall.

**Present**

Councillor J Winn (in the Chair)

Councillor S Betteridge  
Councillor K Golding  
Councillor A Shearring

Councillor P Ferry  
Councillor A John  
Councillor C Weir-Ewing

In Attendance: Deputy Town Clerk, Councillor Wyatt and 2 members of the public.

**P76 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Hardman, Sismey and Whiteward.

**P77 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**P78 Confirmation of Minutes**

On a proposal by Councillor Betteridge, seconded by Councillor Golding the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2016 were **APPROVED** as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**P79 Public Questions**

There were no questions from the members of the public.

**P80 Previous Planning Decisions**

The previous planning decisions which differed from the Town Council's previous recommendations as circulated at the meeting were noted.

At 7.01pm, Councillor C Weir-Ewing joined the meeting.

**P81 Current Planning Applications**

**P81.1 16/00475/FUL 53 Littlecroft**

Single storey side extension

The Town Council has **NO OBJECTION** to this planning application.

At 7.05pm, the 2 members of the public left the meeting.

**P81.2 16/00492/FUL 24 Gladden Fields**

Single storey rear extension and partial conversion of existing double garage

The Town Council has **NO OBJECTION** to this planning application.

**P81.3 16/00404/FUL 58 Inchbonnie Road**

Two storey front extension, raising of roof and external alterations

At 7.15pm, Councillor John joined the meeting.

The Town Council OBJECTS to this planning application for the reasons of siting, density and external appearance and the privacy of neighbouring occupiers should be protected from undue overlooking. These are contrary to DC4 Protecting Existing Amenity and DC47 Extension to Dwellings.

**P82 Consultation Exercise**

**Consultation on review of Essex Parking Standards, Design and Good Practice 2016 and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal**

Members considered the key changes to the Parking Standards and Consultation questions as attached to the agenda. It was **AGREED** to submit the following answers:

Question 5. *Disagree* with the new standards for Houses of Multiple Occupation Reason: not sustainable to have a stringent restriction.

Question 7. *Agree* with the Inclusion of the requirement for electric charging points for vehicles.

Question 9. *Disagree* with the removal of the reference to of taking commuted sums in lieu of minimum parking provision.

Question 11. *Agree* with the requirement for parking surveys where below recommended standard parking provision is being proposed.

Question 13. *Agree* with the guidance on parking surveys.

Question 15. *Agree* with the removal of the minimum parking bay size.

Question 17. *Yes* – the same bay size should apply to residential and non-residential sites.

Question 19. *Agree* with the removal of the minimum bay size for vans and HGV.

Question 21. *Yes* – the guidance on setbacks is clear.

Question 23. *Agree* with the addition of guidance on vehicle crossings.

Question 25. *Agree* with the addition of additional information on residential cycle parking design.

Question 27. *Agree* with the findings of the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment.

Question 30. For future review – D2 Assembly and Leisure – standards are unrealistic. Review requirement for residential parking for future planning for the amount of bedrooms per dwelling in areas of minimal public transport.

**P83 Report to Council**

The next report to Council for the meeting being held on 7 June 2016 to contain:

- Consultation on review of Essex Parking Standards, Design and Good Practice 2016

**P84 Media Coverage**

There were no items requiring a press release.

**P85 Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the date of the next meeting is 24 May 2016.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Signed .....

Chairman of the Meeting

Date: 24 May 2016