

## SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Southwold, at 7.00pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

PRESENT:                   Councillor    W Windell (Chairman)  
                                  “                I Bradbury  
                                  “                J Jeans  
                                  “                D Palmer

Also present 13 members of the public, the High Steward and the Town Clerk.

#### **BUSINESS**

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllr Tucker.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
  - a) *To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.*  
All Councillors declared a personal interest in relation to DC/18/2406/FUL redevelopment of Station Yard.
  - b) *To receive any declarations of Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda.*  
As Town Councillors all members declared an interest in the planning application DC/18/2406/FUL.
  - c) *To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda.*  
There were no requests for dispensation.
  - d) *To receive details of any lobbying to members.*  
Nil.
3. **To receive comments from Southwold electors on matters on the agenda (each elector will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes).**  
A number of the public members wished to speak re the Station Yard redevelopment. The public voiced concerns about a lack of publicity, and for seemingly piecemeal development by the Town Council at the front of town. Comments were made regarding potential demand for the units in general and in particular the café/coffee shop. Concerns were also expressed about the parking at this end of town and the heightened problems that may be encountered. A member of the public advised that there was confusion as to the date of the responses required by WDC. Members were also asked about the cost of the development and whether a cost benefit analysis had been carried out. Another member of the public asked for assurances that there would be no holiday lets and suggested that there should be a further consultation for residents to comment.
4. **Minutes-** *To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018. It was RESOLVED by all to approve the Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018.*
5. **Planning Matters:**
  - (a) *To determine the Town Council response to the following applications:*
    - (i) *DC/18/2380/FUL - To extend existing extension (DC/17/1961/FUL) by a further 1.012 metres. 5 Pier Avenue, Southwold, Suffolk for Mr & Mrs Charles Barwick*  
The Planning Committee advised that they had no objections to this planning application.

*(ii) DC/18/2427/LBC - Listed Building Consent - Reconstruction of historic chimney stack on side (South West) elevation. Alteration of internal bathroom layout including new walls and door within bedroom 3. Stone House, Gun Hill, Southwold for Mr James Hopkins*

The Planning Committee looked through the plans submitted and compared with the application that has already been approved by WDC the Planning Committee resolved to endorse the existing application and to ask WDC to clarify the extent of any alterations to the windows.

*(iii) DC/18/2312/COU - Retrospective Application - Change of Use from Retail (A1) to Restaurant (A3). 11 East Street, Southwold, Suffolk for Richard & Alex Godfrey*

The Planning Committee advised that this was a retrospective application and that the premises were already being used for the purpose required. The Planning Committee resolved that they had no objection to the application per se subject to a restriction that tables and chairs are not extended outside onto the highway or footpath.

*(iv) DC/18/2406/FUL - The demolition of the existing buildings and re-development of the site to create a mixed use development consisting of flexible office space, retail units and residential accommodation. Site At Junction Of, Station Road, And Blyth Road for Lesley Beevor, Southwold Town Council.*

No comments were made as this is a Town Council application. No response to be sent to WDC.

Councillors noted the comments made in the public section and provided clarification of the background to the project which had started in 2015 and was a project within the town strategy of 2016 and is contained within the CCT Economic Strategy for Southwold. Councillors also confirmed the timescales for responses to WDC.

(b) To receive decisions from WDC on previous planning applications:

DC/18/0261/FUL – Northcliffe, 20 North Parade - granted

DC/18/1982/FUL – Southwold CP School, Cumberland Road – granted

DC/18/1868/FUL – 7 Bartholomew Green - granted

DC/18/1869/LBC – 7 Bartholomew Green - granted

DC/18/1899/FUL – 10 East Cliff - granted

DC/18/2065/TCA – George Greens Cottage, 28 High Street – no objection.

DC/18/2379/DRC – 5 Pier Avenue, Southwold - (Approval of Details Reserved by Condition

(c) Any other planning matters

- *To consider WDC Planning Cttee agenda items of relevance to Southwold*
- *Any other Planning matters/ Enforcement matters raised since last meeting including outstanding change of use applications. Letter had been received regarding tables and chairs on the highway and the implications for Southwold. It was suggested that the Town Clerk respond to the letter asking for further information on those towns who act as the licensing authority on behalf of the county. The Town Clerk to also ask for a copy of the letter that SCC refer to in relation to the Red Lion.*
- *Future meeting with enforcement officer – date to be arranged.*

7. **Urgent Business:** to act upon any matter of a planning urgency, within the meaning of the Standing Orders, which may be brought to the attention of the Committee with the consent of the Chairman previously obtained.

Planning Committee members noted that the signage at White Stuff appears to be permanent rather than temporary – in which case this will not be in accordance with the planning permissions provided by WDC. Photographs to be taken and forwarded to WDC.

8. **Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:**  
To be confirmed.

Chair .....

Date .....