

## SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held in the Council Chamber. at the Town Hall, Southwold on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 10am.**

PRESENT: Councillor  
“ S Flunder  
“ J Jeans  
“ P Goldsmith  
“ W Windell

Also, present: The Town Clerk.

### BUSINESS

1. **Apologies:** To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr Temple, Cllr Sutton, and the High Steward.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
  - a) *To receive any declarations of Personal Interest regarding the agenda.*  
Cllr Jeans declared an interest in the planning application for application DC/21/3815/Ful
  - b) *To receive any declarations of Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda.*  
Nil.
  - c) *To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda.* Nil
  - d) *To receive details of any lobbying to members.* Nil
3. **To receive and approve Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 17th August 2021.**  
**On the proposal of Cllr Windell seconded by Cllr Flunder it was RESOLVED by all to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th August 2021.**
4. **To receive comments from the public on matters on the agenda** *(each will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes – to a total maximum of 10 minutes).*

Cllr Jeans spoke in the public section about the planning application DC/21/3815/FUL, describing the background to the application and the reasons for the heat pumps needing to be placed in this location. A brick wall will be in front of the heat pumps to protect the street scape. Low level planting could soften the brick and street scape. The meeting was advised that there had been a concern raised about noise and heritage aspects - Ruth Summers therefore undertook a Heritage report.

Cllr Jeans took questions from members relating to the noise concerns – providing details of the response from the architect to a resident who was concerned about noise emitting from the pumps. Members were advised that noise would be below the ‘norm’ and that the planting/ wall would reduce the sound.

Cllr Jeans took questions from members relating to the position of the heat pumps - with regards to the position of the heat pumps members were advised that this is the only position available for the pumps. There is no space available to spread them out, or to relocate them anywhere else.

Cllr Jeans took questions from members relating to the reason for the application being retrospective. Members were advised that this was an oversight at the time of the original application.

Discussion took place about heat pumps and their effectiveness.

5. **Planning Matters:**

(a) To determine the Town Council response to the following applications:

*See attached for details of applications.*

**DC/21/3815/FUL – Location of ASHP units, former Southwold & District Hospital, Fieldstile Road.**

*Cllr Jeans did not take part in the discussion, nor vote.*

See discussion in public section.

Concern was raised that the request might have an adverse effect on neighbour amenity. Discussion about ensuring the pumps were not accessible to the public. Discussion about locating them in another area i.e a plant room, and about the number of pumps. Disappointment was expressed at the lateness of the application.

**It was agreed by all that there did not seem to be any planning grounds for refusal – disappointment was expressed that this matter had not been brought forward in previous planning application, and members requested that the wall around the units is secure to ensure that the units stay out of bounds to visitors.**

(b) *Applications considered by ESC – see list attached.*

Applications to ESC Committee – Nil

(c) *Any new Planning Inspectorate Appeals Lodged?* Nil

(d) *Other planning matters:*

Whitepoint is nearing completion but there have still not been any agreed plans.

It was agreed by all that the council write to the ESC Senior Management Team and the Head of Planning on this matter.

The Elms, Lorne Road – it is thought that amended plans have been submitted.

6. **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.

Nil.

7. **Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 6pm.