

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2024
at 7.30p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall

Present:

Councillor A Shearring Chair

Councillor D Thompson
Councillor P Ferry
Councillor J Birch
Councillor T Perham Lake

Councillor G Piesse
Councillor D Eley
Councillor M Sismey

In attendance: Environment & Leisure Officer, and Councillor T Sherlock.

PE411 Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from A John and Councillor S Wilson Vice Chair

Absent Councillor M O'Brien

PE412 Dispensation Considerations

None received.

PE413 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Shearring – 159 Hullbridge Road 24/05063/TPO

PE414 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 26th March 2024 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Birch

Seconded: Councillor Piesse

Vote: **Carried**

PE415 Public Questions

3 Members of the public were present. 2 members made comments about planning applications listed on the agenda. 1 member of the public commented on SWF Green Week.

PE416 Budgetary Position

The budgetary position as of 24th April 2024 was **NOTED**.

PE417 Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals

Committee **NOTED** that there were no planning decisions difference from Chelmsford City Council.

PE418 Planning Applications

24/05072/TPO 37 Culver Rise

T6 Cherry (T1 on map) - Crown reduction, reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 1.5 meters. Reason: Due to damage root system is causing to adjacent driveway.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/00424/FUL 144 Hullbridge Road

Single storey rear extension and pergola, alterations to form utility and ensuite with new windows and external door to side.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/00452/FUL 7 Clevis Drive

Proposed Loft Conversion/Roof Lift with Pitched Roof Windows, and Ground Floor Front Infill Extension.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/00448/FUL 29 Thornborough Avenue

Single storey side extension.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/05063/TPO 159 Hullbridge Road

T1 Oak- To remove epicormic growth from the main trunk up to main fork and on lower branches over road. Reason: To give clearance for buses on bus route.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/00489/FUL 46 Hullbridge Road

Demolition of existing office and construction of new building containing four flats. Alteration to existing access and associated works.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds of loss of historic building important to the town, loss of Street Scene, effect on local neighbours and the change of use from commercial, resulting in reduction of possible business.

24/00419/FUL 17 Victoria Road

Extension to existing garage to provide a gym and golf studio.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of site and recommend a full site visit by inspectors.

24/00553/FUL South Woodham Ferrers Health Clinic Merchant Street

Change of use from Medical Centre (Use Class E(e)) to New School (Use Class F(1(a))) and associated alterations to include a multi-use games area (MUGA) and parking.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application. The Town Council supports this application for much needed services.

24/00511/FUL 2 Pintolls

Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension. New 1.8m side gate.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

PE419 Items to Note

Committee **NOTED** the reports attached to the agenda.

- Fenn Report – Update April 2024 attached to agenda.
- The next Town Council litter pick date is scheduled Sunday 28th April 2024.
- John Cox Working Party will be agreed at the Annual Council Meeting on 14th May 2024
- Love Your Parish days have been confirmed on or around the 8th of August 2024. This will involve sweeping, litter picking and graffiti removal.
- The Chelmsford City Council Preferred Options Local Plan will go to consultation in May. Display boards will be available to view at Champions Manor Hall from 29th May to 12th June 2024.
- The Town Council are now members of the Open Space Society.

PE420 SWF Green Week

Committee considered options to proceed with SWF Green Week initiatives week commencing 24th June 2024. Report provided by Environment Officer.

Proposal: To proceed with the SWF Green Week initiatives as per the report presented.

Proposed: Councillor Eley

Seconded: Councillor Humphrey

Vote: Carried

PE421 Pathway Project at Marsh Farm

Committee considered improvements/maintenance project on the footpath between footpath 22-34 at Marsh Farm Country Park to improve accessibility for residents. Councillor Shearring gave an update.

Proposal: To recommend that the project be investigated with costings to install improved accessibility to the pathway.

Proposed: Councillor Humphrey

Seconded: Councillor Sismey

Vote: Carried

PE422 Sluice Repair at Eyott Sailing Club

Committee received a verbal update from Councillor Shearring.

PE423 Crouch Valley Coastal Community Team

Committee received a verbal update from Councillor Shearring.

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PE424 Report to Council

- Green Week
- Pathway Project at Marsh Farm

PE425 Media Coverage

- No items for media coverage

PE426 Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 28th May 2024 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman offered his thanks to his Deputy Chair, the Committee and the Environment Officer.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01pm

Signed

Date: 28th May 2024