

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

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2024
at 7.30p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall

Present:

Councillor D Thompson Chair
Councillor S Wilson Vice Chair

Councillor J Birch
Councillor M O'Brien
Councillor A John
Councillor A Shearring

Councillor G Piesse
Councillor M Sismey
Councillor P Ferry

In attendance: Environment & Leisure Officer

PE-24-20 Apologies for Absence

No Apologies of absence were received.

PE-24-21 Dispensation Considerations

None received.

PE-24-22 Declarations of Interest

None received.

PE-24-23 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 28th May 2024 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Birch

Seconded: Councillor Piesse

Vote: Carried

PE-24-24 Public Questions

No members of the public present.

PE-24-25 Budgetary Position

The budgetary position as of 19th June 2024 was **NOTED**.

PE-24-26 Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals

Committee **NOTED** the planning decisions difference from Chelmsford City Council.

PE-24-27 Planning Applications

24/00827/FUL 3 Buckland Gate

Single storey rear extension.

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

24/00843/FUL 32 Manor Road

Proposed single storey rear extension. Part first floor, part two storey front extension. Alterations to fenestration.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds of over development, and as it stands there is a lack of green space. Also there appears to be an existing building on the plot which appears not to have any planning consent.

24/05108/TPO 9 Middleton Row

T6 Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*)- Cut back to the cutting points approximately 1.5m ensuring to leave growth points at the end of each cut made. Reason: Maintenance.

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

PE-24-28 Items to Note

Committee **NOTED** the following -

- Tree works agreed at the Planning & Environment meeting on 27/2/24 minute ref PE390 to be completed by end of June 2024

PE-24-29 The Fen

Environment Officer to give a verbal update about the condition of some footpaths over the Fen and a meeting with an Essex County Council footpath officer around plans for the England Coastal Path.

PE-24-30 Crouch Valley Coastal Community Team

Councillor Shearring to give a verbal update from the meeting on 11th June 2024 and noted progress which has been made. It has been agreed that the Crouch Valley section of the coastal footpath should go ahead, and it is now for Essex County Council to implement that.

PE-24-31 Town Council Sponsored Roundabout

Committee considered planting of whips from the Essex County Council Tree Initiatives on the roundabout when suitable.

Proposal: To install up to two whips previously received from the Essex County Council Tree Initiatives on the roundabout after seeking necessary permissions from the appropriate authority.

Proposed: Councillor Shearring

Seconded: Councillor A John

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-32 Trinity St Mary's Fen Visit & Allotments

Councillor Shearring updated the committee with regards to requests for the ECO group at Trinity St Mary's School to visit the Fen and the Allotments with the Mayor and the Environment and Leisure officer.

Proposal The Town Council supports such initiatives to engage with the local schools and approves the visits.

Proposed: Councillor O Brien

Seconded: Councillor A John

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-33 Bench at Trinity Square

Councillor Birch was able to give details of the background to the installation of the original bench, with only a financial contribution and the committee **AGREED** that as it was confirmed as not being on our asset register and the land belonging to Essex County Council.

Proposal To contact Essex County Council and our City Councillor as regards the bench in Trinity Square.

Proposed: Councillor Wilson

Seconded: Councillor Ferry

Vote: All in favour

PE-24-34 Report to Council

Nothing to report.

PE-24-35 Media Coverage

Nothing to report.

PE-24-36 Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 30th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8.08pm

Signed

Date: 30th July 2024