

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

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2024
at 7.30p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall

Present:

Councillor S Wilson Vice Chair

Councillor G Piesse
Councillor P Ferry

Councillor M O'Brien
Councillor A Shearring

In attendance: Environment and Leisure Officer and Councillor P Price

PE-24-69 Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Councillor D Thompson, Councillor J Birch, Councillor A John & Councillor M Sismey.

PE-24-70 Dispensation Considerations

None received.

PE-24-71 Declarations of Interest

None received.

PE-24-72 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 27th August 2024 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor A Shearring

Seconded: Councillor G Piesse

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-73 Public Questions

No members of the public were present.

PE-24-74 Budgetary Position

The budgetary position as of 18th September 2024 was **NOTED**.

PE-24-75 Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals

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

PE-24-76 Planning Applications

24/01127/FUL 1 Longhams Drive

Two storey side extension and single storey front extension.
Alterations to driveway

The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/05166/TPO 144 Celeborn Street

T12 False acacia - Located at front of property- Removal of several dead branches.

The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/05170/TPO 5 Millers Close

T1 Oak- 1.5m crown reduction and removal of deadwood. Reason: Works are being carried out due to the southern side of the crown rubbing on a neighbouring property. A 1.5m crown reduction will stop damage to next door and keep the crown of the tree symmetrical. This will also reduce wind sail/shedding branches in the event of extreme weather (parked cars and footpath directly underneath) All pruning will be carried out to BS3998.

The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

PE-24-77 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) Consultation

Committee considered a response to the consultation. The Town Council are consultees only.

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-reforms-to-the-national-planning-policy-framework-and-other-changes-to-the-planning-system?utm_source=MEMBERS&utm_campaign=4e7cb7bfbb-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_08_03_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206970988f-4e7cb7bfbb-369831861&mc_cid=4e7cb7bfbb&mc_eid=9086d2d306

Proposal: To make no comments on this consultation

Proposed: Councillor O Brien

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-78 SNN Consultation 24/03099/DEVST - Site at Former Oak House, Bicknacre Road, Bicknacre, Chelmsford

Committee considered making a comment or to note the information.

Proposal: This was **NOTED** and to make no comment

Proposed: Councillor O Brien

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-79 The Fen

- Committee **NOTED** Fenn report attached to agenda.
- Committee **NOTED** the price to provide a team of CPCS Skilled Operatives to remove and dispose of stock mesh fencing and gates from the grazing area on the Fen in 2025. Quote circulated with agenda.

PE-24-80 Solar Speed Indicator Devices

Committee considered a future project to install Solar Speed Indicator devices to function as a deterrent for speeding in South Woodham Ferrers. Locations to be discussed.

Proposal: To request Finance & Projects consider a £5000.00 budget for a future project to install an interactive speed detector following a meeting with Essex Police, the Town Clerk and members of the Town Council.

Proposed: Councillor O Brien

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: Carried

1 against

PE-24-81 Woodville School ECO Committee

Councillors discussed that Woodville School recently received the Eco Schools Green Flag with distinction for 2024. They were looking to host an eco/environment sustainability conference in the Autumn term with children from all the schools in South Woodham.

Committee considered a volunteer councillor who is involved with the environment policies to be a guest speaker. The school are then going to complete a task e.g. creating posters which we would like to be displayed around the town or our schools.

Proposal: To select Councillor S Wilson and Councillor A Shearring to be guest speakers at the eco/environment sustainability conference at Woodville School.

Proposed: Councillor O Brien

Seconded: Councillor Ferry

Vote: Carried

1 abstain

PE-24-82 Wader Roost Clements Green Creek

Councillor Shearring to update on the wader roost disturbance on remnant saltmarsh adjoining Marsh Farm. The Town Council will consider collaborating with Bird Aware on future projects.

PE-24-83 Report to Council

- Future project to purchase Interactive Speed signs.

PE-24-84 Media Coverage

Nothing to report.

PE-24-85 Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 29th of October 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8.49pm

Signed

Date: 29th October 2024