

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

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2024
at 7.30p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall

Present:

Councillor D Thompson Chair
Councillor S Wilson Vice Chair

Councillor G Piesse
Councillor P Ferry
Councillor I Roberts
Councillor P Price

Councillor M O'Brien
Councillor A Shearring
Councillor M Sismey

In attendance: Town Clerk & Environment and Leisure Officer, Councillor D Eley, Councillor T Sherlock & one member of the public.

PE-24-104 Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from
Councillor J Birch & Councillor A John

PE-24-105 Dispensation Considerations

Councillor T Sherlock for item 7 Maldon District Council Community
Engagement Team.

PE-24-106 Declarations of Interest

Councillor M Sismey declared a non-registrable interest on planning
application 24/01502/FUL, as the applicant was known to him.
Councillor Eley declared a non-registrable interest on planning
application 24/01132/FUL, due to the proximity of her residence.

PE-24-107 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 29th
October 2024 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Roberts

Seconded: Councillor Piesse

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-108 Public Questions

No public questions raised.

PE-24-109 Budgetary Position

The budgetary position as of 20th November 2024 was **NOTED**.

PE-24-110 Maldon District Council Community Engagement Team

Committee received a presentation from a representative of the Maldon District Council Community Engagement Team. The team are uniformed officers specialising in TRUCAM speed enforcement, high-visibility patrols (across parks and public spaces), parking patrols (on-and off-street), ASB patrols, and more. Currently they have contracts with several Parishes within Maldon, and we are now exploring opportunities to extend our services to Parishes and areas beyond our District.

Committee considered how they might deliver this in South Woodham Ferrers, including the number of hours required (compared to similar areas) and associated costs.

It was **AGREED** for the Town Clerk to gather more information for consideration at a future meeting, including funding.

The Town Clerk and one member of the public left the meeting at 8.04pm

PE-24-111 Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals

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

PE-24-112 Planning Applications

24/01443/FUL 42 Creekview Road

First floor front extension over existing porch & single storey rear extension.

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

24/01084/FUL 11-19 Drapers Road

Construction of new warehouse building with associated parking.

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

24/01156/FUL 88 Hullbridge Road

Proposed front porch and dormer windows. Alter front drive to form 'In and Out' Drive.

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

24/01502/FUL Edwins Hall, Edwins Hall Road

Proposed extension to existing ancillary building.

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

Vote Carried

24/01132/FUL Spacio 11 – 19 Hamberts Road

Demolish the existing storage unit and replace it with a new two-storey unit. A new two-storey side extension and new first-floor addition to the rear building wing.

The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application providing that the requirement for any increased parking provision has been assessed fully.

24/05247/TPO 11 Thornborough Avenue

G1 x1 Hawthorn- Located in front garden- Reduce height by 2.5m.
Reason: The highest branches are encroaching into the guttering.
The Planning and Environment Committee would like to comment that this could be achieved by the removal of the offending lateral branches rather than reducing the tree by 2.5m.

24/01493/FUL 15 Broughton Road

First floor front extension.

The Planning and Environment Committee **OBJECTS** to this application as per the previous reasons given; over development of the site, boundary queries and obstruction of neighbour's light and in addition, the increased roof size mass, overbearing to the street scene.

PE-24-113 John Cox Working Party Update

Councillor Wilson gave an update from the John Cox working party on potential future development with John Cox – phase two.

Proposal: Following on from the recommendations of the John Cox Working Party, for the officers to obtain quotations for works to the car park, extending the pathway, removing the old humps levelling out the access, signage, adding a bin near to the gate entrance of the recycling centre on the John Cox Field, to also seek quotes for wooden carvings of various themed carved 'creatures' including Lord of The Rings to be added to the paths in various locations in order to explore options at a future meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Thompson

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-114 Items to Note

Committee **NOTED** the following –

- The new gates at the Garden of Remembrance have been part installed. We are awaiting additional parts to complete the project.
- The roses for the new Rose Bed Memorials have been ordered.
- The Environment Officer has contacted Network rail who have sign posted to Greater Anglia re the area/trees at Tanners Way.
- All tree work at Collingwood Pond has been completed on Saturday 16th November 24. Insurance and Essex County Council have been updated.
- Environment Officer has been advised the reduction in bus service 336 is for operational reasons.
- Update from South Essex Parking partnership Chelmsford City Council. -

A request was received from a local resident to implement a Single Yellow Line on Hullbridge Road from its junction with Clements

Green Lane to its junction with The Laurels. An assessment has been carried out by a SEPP Technician and a report sent to the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer for parking matters in Chelmsford.

It was felt that the request does not meet the SEPP's Policy, and the site visits did not indicate that there is a major parking issue. Therefore, it was agreed by the SEPP Joint Committee Member and Lead Officer, for parking matters in Chelmsford, that the request is declined. The SEPP will continue to monitor parking levels in this location.

PE-24-115 Garden of Remembrance

Committee **NOTED** The Town Council has been awarded a grant of £4000 from Essex County Council Locality Fund/ County Councillor Bob Massey for the improvements to the Sensory Garden. Committee considered the new project to be completed by 31st March 2025.

Proposal: To replace the existing raised bed sleepers with new where required to restore the sensory gardens, with work to be completed before 31st March 2025.

Proposed: Councillor Thompson

Seconded: Councillor Roberts

Vote: All in Favour

Committee **NOTED** the Town Clerk had been consulting with the Rotary re the planting of crocus bulbs at the Garden of Remembrance. This has now been cancelled by the Rotary.

PE-24-116 Winter Transport Meeting

The Committee considered a Council representatives to attend the Essex County Council Winter Transport Meeting, this is a new open-drop-in session at County Hall. Representatives from all districts to attend, allowing for a more collaborative environment. This event will allow you to engage directly with various teams in IPTU, each stationed at their own information point.

Proposal: Councillor Sherlock to attend as a representative of the Council. The meeting will take place at County Hall on Wednesday, 4th December, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Proposed: Councillor Thompson

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-117 Crouch Valley Coastal Team

Councillor Shearring gave a verbal update from the meeting on the 19th of November 2024.

Proposal: The Clerk to write to Essex County Councillor Bob Massey to enquire about the reasons for the delay in applying for the funding for the Charles III Coastal Path.

Proposed: Councillor Shearring

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

Vote: All in Favour

PE-24-118 Report to Council

- Future works agreed on the Garden of Remembrance for the sensory garden area funded by the locality grant from Essex County Council and Councillor Bob Massey.

PE-24-119 Media Coverage

Nothing to report.

PE-24-120 Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 17th of December 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.08pm

Signed

Date: 17th December 2024