

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

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2025
at 7.30p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall

Present:

Councillor S Wilson Vice Chair

Councillor G Piesse
Councillor I Roberts
Councillor M O'Brien

Councillor A Shearring

In attendance: Environment and Leisure Officer and 4 members of the public.

PE-25-146 Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Councillor Sismey, Councillor D Thompson, Councillor J Birch, Councillor P Ferry, Councillor P Price & Councillor A John.

PE-25-147 Dispensation Considerations

None received.

PE-25-148 Declarations of Interest

None received.

PE-25-149 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Extra ordinary Planning and Environment meeting held on 14th January 2025 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor Piesse

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: **All in Favour**

PE-25-150 Public Questions

2 members of the public made comments regarding planning application 24/01717/FUL - 4 Mitchell Way.

Proposal to move planning applications forward to this point.

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Roberts

Vote: **All in Favour**

PE-25-151 Planning Applications

24/01712/FUL 4 Mitchell Way

Proposed second floor extension to create mansard roof to rear.
The Planning and Environment Committee **OBJECTS** to this application.

Policy DM29 of the Chelmsford Local Plan states that planning permission will be granted for development proposals provided that the development safeguards the living environment of the occupiers of any nearby residential property by ensuring that the development is not overbearing and does not result in unacceptable overlooking or overshadowing. This is not the case here; the Juliet Balcony will overlook several properties and reduce any current expected privacy and would cause overshadowing by the design to other buildings at times of the day.

This addition to the roof goes above and beyond anything which is currently installed on any roof in the immediate area, and we believe DM29 states about "overbearing development", which would be the case. This room may also lead to additional noise to escape from the property.

There are also concerns over the effect on party walls and foundations for the property adjoining the development.

3 members of the public left the meeting at 7:54pm

24/01727/FUL 152 Inchbonnie Road

Proposed single storey rear extension.
The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/05260/TPO 17 Anchor Reach

T5 Swedish Whitebeam- Reduce crown by approx 1-2m. Reason: Tree has got too big for its location.
The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/00013/FUL 12 Leighlands Road

Single storey rear extension.
The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/01645/FUL 3-9 Bucklebury Heath

Window replacement on a like for like basis.
The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/01646/FUL 11-21 Bucklebury Heath

Existing window renewal on a like for like basis
The Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/05265/TPO Block 92 To 108 Littlecroft

G2 (Marked T1, T2 and T3) - Maple - Repollard back to pollard knuckles - Reason: Maintenance

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

24/05010/TPO 75 Gandalfs Ride

G2 (Marked T1, T2 and T3) - Maple - Repollard back to pollard knuckles - Reason: Maintenance

The Planning and Environment Committee wishes to make the following comment. The Town Council has concerns that the reduction will lead to this being lopsided and uneven in look and in the tree health and could be excessive and should seek advice from the tree officer.

PE-25-152 Budgetary Position

The budgetary position as of 22nd January 2025 was **NOTED**.

PE-25-153 Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals

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

PE-25-154 Items to Note

Committee **NOTED** the following –

- Granite bench located in Trinity Square - Officers at Essex County Council are in contact with the original manufacturer and are endeavouring to replace like for like with the original specification material, this process is still ongoing. No timescale can be given but Officers are working to have this resolved as quickly as possible.
- Update from Greater Anglia – The tree works at Tanners Way/Station Approach were carried out after extensive complaints from residents to have them cut back. The land does not belong to the Council and City Council were approached before work and declined consultation.

PE-25-155 Love Your Bus Grant Funding

Committee considered applying for the Love Your Bus Grant Funding. Applications to be submitted online by 21st February 2025. Information was attached to agenda.

Proposal: To seek to apply for funding to re-instate the 11:30am 336 bus service from South Woodham Ferrers, to contact other parish councils in order to gain support, and for Councillor Shearring to assist where required as well as contacting First Essex and Councillor Massey for County Council support.

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: All in Favour

PE-25-156 Garden of Remembrance

Councillors were given an update from the Environment Officer -

- Committee considered the quotation for the work to maintain the benches.
- Committee considered the planting of two permanent Christmas trees in the Children's memorial garden.
- Committee considered ideas for the maintenance and revamp of the sensory garden area.

Proposal: To accept the revised quote for the work on the benches from SLR Contractors of £1135.00

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: All in Favour

Proposal: To accept the quote from JQC Groundworks of £4,370.00 to remove, dispose, replace the sleepers, and restore the bed in the Sensory Garden at the Garden of Remembrance

Proposed: Councillor Roberts

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: All in Favour

Proposal: To use money from the underspend from the agreed £6,000.00 (Minute Ref CS523) from EMR Project Fund to be used for covering the additional cost over the £4,000.00 Locality grant awarded by Essex County Council to purchase additional or replacement plants for the Sensory Garden at the Garden of Remembrance and the purchasing and planting of 2 "Christmas Tree" Ferns in the location to the side of the path, next to the Youth Wall which will be planted into the ground potted in order to control growth.

Proposed: Councillor Shearring

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

Vote: All in Favour

PE-25-157 Coastal Footpath Signs

Committee received a report and update from Environment Officer, which included images representative of the markings fixed to signs.

PE-25-158 Essex Air Quality Strategy

Committee considered the launch of the public consultation for the new draft Essex Air Quality Strategy by Essex County Council. The strategy sets out a shared vision, aims and a series of actions the consortium plans to take to improve air quality in Essex and help reduce the impact of air pollution on people's health.

A request was sent, to promote the consultation and a response from the Town Council providing feedback on the strategy. The consultation is from Monday 20th January 2025 for six weeks closing on Sunday 2 March 2025.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2025/have-your-say-improving-air-quality-essex>

This item will be discussed at the next meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee on 25th February 2025.

PE-25-159 Report to Council

The intention to apply for funding for the additional 336 bus.

PE-25-160 Media Coverage

To promote the Essex Air Quality Strategy consultation to the public and to councillors.

PE-25-161 Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 25th of February 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

Signed

Date: 25th February 2025