

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

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2025
at 7.30p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall

Present:

Councillor M O Brien Chair

Councillor P Ferry	Councillor A Shearring
Councillor P Price	Councillor I Roberts
Councillor G Piesse	Councillor J Birch
Councillor D Thompson	

In attendance: Environment and Leisure Officer, One member of the Public and Chelmsford City Council Councillor Rose Moore Cabinet Member for a Greener Chelmsford.

PE-25-240 Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Councillor S Wilson, Councillor M Sismey & Councillor A John.

PE-25-241 Dispensation Considerations

None received.

PE-25-242 Declarations of Interest

Councillor D Thompson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 Cabinet Member for a Greener Chelmsford.

PE-25-243 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 27th May 2025 were agreed as a true record.

Proposed: Councillor A Shearring

Seconded: Councillor P Ferry

Vote: All in Favour

PE-25-244 Public Questions

A member of the public addressed the Committee regarding the potential development of the Baron Road car park, expressing concerns about possible impacts should this proposal go forward.

The member of the public left the meeting at 19:39

PE-25-245 Cabinet Member for a Greener Chelmsford

Committee discussed concerns with Councillor Rose Moore over the management of trees and green spaces in South Woodham Ferrers.

Councillor Rose Moore left the meeting at 20.09

PE-25-246 Budgetary Position

The budgetary position as of 18th June 2025 was **NOTED**.

PE-25-247 Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals

Committee **NOTED** the planning decision differences from Chelmsford City Council.

PE-25-248 Planning Applications

25/00781/FUL 10 Willow Grove

Single Storey Rear Extension.

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

25/05098/TPO 24 The Spinnaker

T7 Oak- Reduce branches and growth by 1.9m - Reason: Branches to close to house.

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

25/00795/FUL 7 Osterley Place

Proposed single storey rear extension with pitched roof, adjoining to existing garage.

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

25/00699/FUL 24 Clements Green Lane

Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory. Single storey side extension. Addition of window to side elevation.

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

PE-25-249 Items to Note

Committee **NOTED** the following –

- Essex County Council's Transport East's Travel Behaviour Survey Report for Essex. Full report attached with agenda and on the website <https://www.transporeast.gov.uk/travel-survey/essex>
- TPO Confirmation TPO/2025/009 and Provisional TPO Notification TPO/2025/018.
- Emergency tree works were completed at the Uniform Youth Site on Monday 16/6/2025. Photos attached.
- The broken slats on the bridge located at the Fen was repaired on Saturday 24th May 2025 as emergency safety work. Photos attached.

PE-25-250 Fen

The Committee considered quotations attached to the agenda to have the stock mesh fencing and gates fencing from the grazing area on the Fen removed and disposed of.

Proposal: To agree the quote C of £3600.00 from Fen Contracts. Costs to be assigned by the Town Clerk.

Proposed: Councillor I Roberts

Seconded: Councillor P Price

Vote: All in Favour

PE-25-251 Sluice gate Inchbonnie Road

Committee considered the quotation attached to the agenda by a local artist to have a mural painted on the Sluice Gate Wall to combat graffiti. The Environment Agency have granted permission for artwork.

Proposal: To paint the mural on the structure using the selected theme of the animals without wording and with the addition of birds. Costs to be assigned by the Town Clerk.

Proposed: Councillor O Brien

Seconded: Councillor P Ferry

Vote: All in Favour

PE-25-252 Woodland Trust

Application for 'free trees for school and communities' initiative by Woodland Trust has been successful. The committee considered placement of up to 420 saplings.

Proposal: For the planting of the trees to be planned by the Open Spaces Working Party with advice from the Woodland Trust.

Proposed: Councillor D Thompson

Seconded: Councillor P Ferry

Vote: All in Favour

PE-25-252 Report to Council

- Successful application for up to 420 trees for the John Cox and other adjacent areas.
- The sluice gate along Inchbonnie Road is to be painted with a mural to combat graffiti.
- The cattle pen fencing is to be removed in order to comply with the expiry of the permission for it to remain in place.

PE-25-253 Media Coverage

- Painting of the sluice gate
- Trees to be planted when locations are agreed.

PE-25-254 Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 29th of July 2025 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed

Date: 29th July 2025