

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018 AT 8.35 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Worster took the Chair

**Committee Members Present:**

Cllr Bond      Cllr Cox  
Cllr Fox      Cllr Jones  
Cllr Kiff      Cllr Palmer  
Cllr Partel

There were three members of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs Digby and Oxby

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Cllr Bond commended the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 27 November 2017 for **APPROVAL** without amendment. **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

**3. Matters for Discussion**

**3.1 Brickfields Appeal**

The Town Clerk told the Committee that she had seen an email from District Cllr T.J.Haworth-Culf which seemed to suggest that the Brickfields Appeal might now be heard at a Public Inquiry. She was awaiting official clarification but her understanding was that the Inquiry would probably be held in May or June, with a determination by September. She pointed out that this would require considerable preparation which could result in further expenditure on the ATC planning consultant and fees for legal representation.

Cllr Fox pointed out that SCDC could now find itself in a difficult position because planning officers had recommended approval of the development. Cllr Bond suggested that legal fees could be met by SCDC, with ATC providing an expert witness. She feared, though, the District Council would be unwilling to pay for a barrister and suggested pooling resources with organisations such as the Aldeburgh Society and private individuals. Cllr Fox suggested that a Public Inquiry could work against objectors to the development because the applicant would simply throw more and more money at the appeal. Cllr Worster was critical of the role of SCDC in the appeal process, describing their actions as worthy of Pontius Pilate.

**3.2 Local Plan Review**

There was nothing to report this month

**4. New Planning Business**

**There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.42pm.**