

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 22 2018 AT 7.50 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Worster took the Chair

Committee Members Present:

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

There was one member of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllr Oxby

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Cllr Worster commended the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday September 24 2018 for **APPROVAL** without amendment. **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Matters for Discussion

Cllr Worster highlighted a number of issues which were currently exercising the Committee, including the SCDC referral system for planning applications. He believed the present system lacked clarity and consistency and disadvantaged advisory bodies like ATC. He expressed concern at a spate of planning applications in the town seeking to change the use of a building from commercial to residential. Job opportunities in the town must not be diminished and ATC would continue to resist the loss of commercial properties. Cllr Worster drew attention to a little-used planning category - sui generis - in respect of plans to convert Beach Lodge into a gin-producing facility and questioned the rationale behind the application.

He urged all councillors to attend a meeting with ScottishPower representatives on October 23. This would be the last opportunity to quiz SP before the end of the latest consultation process, he declared. Aldeburgh had now been drawn into the proposals by suggestions that Saxmundham and Leiston Roads would be used by HGVs servicing the onshore developments further along the coast. He was grateful to Cllr Walker for providing photographic evidence of existing traffic chaos at the roundabout.

Cllr Fellowes drew attention to the 2018 Suffolk Coast Destination Management Organisation Conference taking place on Thursday 1 November at Ufford Park Hotel Woodbridge. She felt that ATC should be represented at the conference which would include discussions on energy projects in East Suffolk and new strategies for attracting tourism.

3.1 Brickfields Appeal

Cllr Worster reiterated that a decision from the Planning Inspectorate would be known by November 12 or earlier.

3.2 Local Plan Review

There was nothing to report this month

4. New Planning Business

There was nothing to report this month

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

