

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 24 2018 AT 8.10 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Worster took the Chair

**Committee Members Present:**

Cllr Bond      Cllr Cox  
Cllr Digby    Cllr Fox  
Cllr Kiff      Cllr Oxby  
Cllr Partel

There were two members of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs Jones and Palmer

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Cllr Worster commended the draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday August 28 2018 for **APPROVAL** without amendment. **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

**3. Matters for Discussion**

**3.1 Brickfields Appeal**

Cllr Worster invited Cllr Bond to brief the Committee on the Brickfields Public Inquiry. Cllr Bond said that after a few teething problems, the Inquiry had proceeded smoothly and had been well-attended by members of ATC and residents. She thanked the Town Clerk for the enormous effort she had made to ensure the proceedings were conducted in a professional manner. Thanks to the Town Clerk's tact and diplomacy, Aldeburgh's reputation for excellent organisation and hospitality was still firmly intact, declared Cllr Bond. She also thanked the Aldeburgh Society and a large group of other residents and supporters who had raised funds to defray legal costs. She paid tribute to the work of consultant Neil Ward and Paul Shadarevian QC who represented ATC. Their commitment was extraordinary, said, Cllr Bond, praising their precise and compelling testimony. She confirmed that the result of the Inquiry would probably not be known for many weeks. Cllr Worster also thanked the Town Clerk and Cllr Bond for the preparation they had undertaken for the Inquiry.

**3.2 Local Plan Review**

There was nothing to report this month

**4. New Planning Business**

Cllr Worster said that a number of contentious planning applications would be considered by the Planning Committee at its meeting on September 25, including a proposal to convert 75 High Street, Aldeburgh from commercial premises to three flats. The loss of premises offering job opportunities should be resisted, said Cllr Worster, who made it clear that ATC Planning Committee would maintain its stance of objecting to a change of use that involved

the loss of commercial premises. Cllr Fox declared a pecuniary interest in this application and pointed out that the accommodation envisaged in the plans could only be used for holiday purposes and would do nothing to address employment and housing issues in the town. Cllr Bond demanded that this application be referred to SCDC Planning Committee and not be decided at officer level.

**There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.20 pm.**



