

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JULY 2019 AT 7.10 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Webster took the Chair

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Digby Cllr Fellowes
Cllr Fox Cllr Howard-Dobson
Cllr Jones Cllr Osben

There was one member of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllr Palmer

Cllr Piers-Hall was absent without apology.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on Tuesday May 28th and Monday June 24th 2019 were approved by a show of hands and duly signed.

3. Matters for Discussion:

Cllr Webster confirmed that ESC Planning Department had prepared a response to the Planning Inspectorate in relation to an application to close touring pitches at Church Farm Holiday Park and replace them with lodges. The Town Clerk had circulated these documents to all Cllrs and Cllr Webster encouraged Members to familiarise themselves with the details. A separate response would be submitted by ATC, he promised. Cllr Jones suggested that the issue was so grave, consideration should be given to employing the planning consultant who advised ATC on the Brickdock Appeal. She believed many people in the town were strongly opposed to the proposal and that the recruitment of a professional consultant would send a strong message to the community and would demonstrate support for the position of ESC.

Cllr Webster believed that a robust response from ATC, which reiterated ESC statements, was sufficient. He questioned the need to spend money asking someone to do a job ATC could do itself.

Cllr Osben, agreeing with Cllr Jones, said it was vital that the strength of opposition to the proposals was adequately and professionally expressed.

The Town Clerk explained that it would be unreasonable to ask the consultant to represent ATC at the Planning Hearing - scheduled for August 28th - at such short notice. It might be possible to ask the consultant to review all the paperwork relating to the hearing, she suggested, but even this might not be achievable. She believed the best interest of the community would be served by residents, the Aldeburgh Business Association and ATC turning up in person at the Hearing and making impassioned pleas directly to the Planning Inspector.

4. New Planning Business

The Town Clerk highlighted two forthcoming planning applications - a new property at the rear of what used to be Barclays Bank and a revised plan for 75 High Street. Both applications would be discussed at the next meeting of the ATC Planning Committee, she confirmed.

Cllr Fellowes expressed concern that unrestricted building work along The Terrace could be weakening the structure of properties, some of which, she believed, could suffer from movement damage. She considered that structural advice should be sought before future building operations along The Terrace to identify long-term problems.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.22pm.