

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 24th 2019 AT 7.09PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Present: Cllr Fox took the chair pending the election of a new chair of Planning

Council Members Present:

Cllr Cox	Cllr Fellowes
Cllr Harris	Cllr Howard-Dobson
Cllr Jones	Cllr Lewis
Cllr Osben	Cllr Palmer
Cllr Piers-Hall	Cllr Smith
Cllr Webster	

There were two members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Blackburn and Digby.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday May 25th 2019 had not been circulated prior to the meeting and were held over until the next Committees Meeting.

3. Matters for Discussion:

The formal composition of the Planning Committee had been delayed to enable Cllrs to determine whether a new process should be adopted for considering planning applications. Cllrs Digby, Fellowes, Howard-Dobson, Jones, Osben, Palmer and Piers-Hall indicated they would be prepared to sit on the Committee, together with the Mayor, Cllr Fox, and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Webster.

The Mayor asked them, in turn, whether planning committee meetings should be held during the day, as customary, or moved to an evening to enable working members and the public to attend.

After a lengthy discussion, Cllrs voted, by a narrow margin, to retain meetings in the morning, but a number of steps were agreed to make the business of the planning committee more accessible. For an experimental period of six months, all Cllrs would receive agendas and minutes relating to the planning committee and would be encouraged to discuss applications at either Council or Committees Meetings.

Cllr Fox pointed out that when the refurbishment of the Council Chamber was complete, IT equipment and a drop-down screen would enable Cllrs to view large-scale images of planning applications.

The Town Clerk asked the newly-constituted Planning Committee for resolutions to reflect the change in procedure.

RESOLUTION to agree that ATC Planning Committee continues to meet as customary during the daytime on a regular basis and to review this arrangement in six months. was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer.

In favour 6
Against 0
Abstentions 2
CARRIED

RESOLUTION to agree that all Cllrs will receive planning application details for discussion and comment at Council or Committees Meetings was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Webster and **SECONDED** by Cllr Piers-Hall.

In favour 8
Against 0
Abstentions 0
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Town Clerk invited members of the Planning Committee to elect a Chair and Deputy Chair.

RESOLUTION to nominate Cllr Webster as Chair of the Planning Committee was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer.

In favour 6
Against 0
Abstentions 2
CARRIED

RESOLUTION to nominate Cllr Jones as Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Fox and **SECONDED** by Cllr Webster.

In favour 6
Against 0
Abstentions 2
CARRIED

4. New Planning Business

The Town Clerk commented on a number of current planning applications, including properties on Church Farm Rise and Britten Close. A response to the Planning Inspectorate (PI) in respect of 48 High Street would be submitted as a matter of urgency, she told the Committee and work would start soon on a submission to the PI in relation to proposals at Church Farm Holiday Park. She also revealed that the developer of the Brickfields site was considering submitting new plans.

She expressed frustration that ATC was still not regarded as a statutory consultee in the planning process for Sizewell C. Aldeburgh was deemed not to be materially affected by the development of Sizewell C and could not, therefore, be designated as a statutory consultee.

She believed this to be a potentially damaging situation which needed a firm response by ATC, a view shared by Cllr Palmer who said that displacement activity at the Sizewell C site would have a direct impact on Aldeburgh. A strongly-worded response would be

submitted.

The Town Clerk said that ATC would be attending a Sizewell C forum in July and a meeting with Therese Coffey MP to discuss Scottish Power plans for the area. Cllrs Fellowes and Palmer would be reporting back to the Town Council.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.40pm.