



MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

ST FRANCIS SCHOOL, LOWER SITE

6PM

9 FEBRUARY 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors: James Toogood (Chair), Mark Robertson-Walker, Debby Robinson, Jason Mack

ITEM	SUBJECT
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1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carol Jones

2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public present. The meeting started at 6.03pm.

3	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
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The Minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2012 were unanimously agreed by those who were present at the meeting as a correct record.

4	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
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a) P/01802/11: WINTER GARDENS, PIER STREET

- The Chair introduced the item with a summary of the major features of the application. He commented that only 5% of the existing building is to be removed and the Art Deco features retained. He said that the engineer's report was one of the best he had ever seen and included a very effective response to the ground instability issues.
- He said that it would make a major contribution to the regeneration of the town and identified the Dudley Road car park as a solution to the concerns about parking.
- He also confirmed that there would be no impact on the views from Alexandra Gardens contrary to some local concerns.
- Councillor Mark Robertson-Walker endorsed the Chair's comments seeing it as a major contribution to the town's future with a fantastic approach to design.
- Councillor Jason Mack agreed as did Councillor Debby Robinson.

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Town Council strongly supports this application, welcoming the design and the contribution to the future of the town.

b) P/01883/11: [KINGSVIEW, FORMER REX CINEMA SITE](#)

- It was noted that the site was unsuitable for a ground floor bedsit.

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Town Council strongly opposes this application on the grounds of standard of design and suitability of use.

c) P/01859/11: [BRITISH TELECOM TELEPHONE EXCHANGE](#)

- As this application is simply an updating of existing provision there is no reason to comment on this application.

d) P/00014/12: [THE SPINNEY, UNDERCLIFF DRIVE](#)

- It was generally agreed that the proposed development was a genuine improvement on

the existing bungalow.

- The Chair commented that larger windows would be an improvement

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Town Council supports this application although recording reservation about the smallness of the proposed windows.

- e) P/00024/12: [BEACHLANDS, ESPLANADE](#)

- The Chair summarised the history of this application commenting that the latest one attempted to accommodate the concerns of the recent Appeal Officer in respect of roof height.
- However, he argued that the claim that the revision would result in hiding the development was not accurate.

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Town Council strongly opposes this application on grounds of massing and impact on the local environment.

- f) P/00066/12: [7 FOXHILLS, WHITWELL ROAD](#)

- The Chair confirmed that it is still possible to acquire materials matching those used in the current house to build the extension.

It was unanimously resolved:

that the Town Council strongly supports this application on grounds of design and attention to detail.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

The Meeting closed at 6.30pm.

SIGNED BY THE CHAIR	DATE