**Minutes of the virtual Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021**

**at 7:00pm via Zoom**

Present: Cllr Lisa Sanders (Chairman)

Cllr Mike Hawes Cllr Ivor French

Cllr Emma Lawrence Cllr Sonya Exton

Cllr Brian Nobbs

Officer in attendance: Jo Peters, Parish Clerk/RFO

There were 3 members of the public present

Cllrs Westover and Jenkinson were also present

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

There were none.

**2. To receive Councillors Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**3. Open Public Session**

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the Planning Committee’s decision in respect of his recent planning application submitted. The member of the public advised he had sent a formal complaint to the Chairman of the Parish Council and asked the Planning Committee to reconsider their decision and change their response letter in respect of his application. He confirmed if they failed to do so he would be submitting a Vote of No Confidence in the Chairman of the Planning Committee to which he provided details. The Chairman thanked the member of the public for his comments and confirmed this matter was now closed and advised the Committee would not be altering their decision or amending the response and welcomed the member of the public to submit his Vote of No Confidence against the Committee as they vote as a collective. The Chairman advised she felt this situation was now turning into a blackmail case and advised the Planning Committee would not tolerate this. The Chairman asked the Clerk to include the Vote of No Confidence complaint once received within the next Parish Council agenda.

Cllr Westover reported she had grave concerns in respect of how this application had been dealt with and suggested the Planning Committee needed to attend some training and offered to assist. It was agreed that some training would be beneficial, and the Clerk would investigate this with both ESC and SALC.

Cllr Westover advised the application for 10 Church Terrace had now been approved by ESC and there were some vigorous conditions within the consent, but a covenant cannot be recommended by the Planning Committee and suggested this building should be monitored going forward.

Cllr Westover reported she had spent substantial time writing the Supplementary Statement in respect of the Pettistree application and raised concerns that she had not received any feedback or comments from the Planning Committee.

**4. To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday**

**21st December 2020**

A copy of the draft minutes had been circulated to all Committee members prior to

the meeting. These were **Unanimously Approved.**

**5. To consider the following Planning Applications:-**

**Planning Ref: DC/21/0039/FUL**

Proposal: Provision of external doors in place of window, new window to bedroom 1

en-suite, also erection of garden shed and attached greenhouse.

Address: 1 Featherbroom Gardens, Wickham Market

The Planning Committee had **No Objections** in respect of this application and

recommended **Approval**.

**Planning Ref: DC/21/0201/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension to existing single storey dwelling

Address: 14 Churchill Crescent, Wickham Market

The Planning Committee raised concerns regarding this application in respect of the

mature trees within the back garden and the effect the proposed extension could

have on them. Concerns were also raised regarding the style and size of the

extension. The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow Cllr Westover to speak. Cllr

Westover (Tree Warden) advised that a Tree Preservation Order was placed on all

trees along this stretch but as there was no plan it was difficult to see what trees

could be affected. The Parish Clerk recommended further information should be

requested from ESC in respect of the tree plan, tree preservation order details and

details in respect of the proposed size of the extension. Cllr Jenkinson also

reminded the Committee this property was within the Conservation Area. The

Chairman ***reconvened the meeting***. The Chairman asked the Parish Clerk to also

monitor if there were any comments from neighbouring properties.

**6. To consider any other applications received at the discretion of the Chairman**

There were none

7. **Any other matters of report and items for the next meeting**

The Chairman advised some information had been circulated by the Parish Clerk regarding the option to submit a Vote of No Confidence in ESC’s Planning Committee in respect of their decision regarding the Pettistree application. It was agreed there would be no gains by submitting a Vote of No Confidence to ESC despite Committee members having serious concerns in respect of this application. Cllr French advised it was important the Parish Council worked together with ESC and Hopkins Homes to get the best out of this application for the village.

The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow Cllr Jenkinson to comment. Cllr

Jenkinson asked if the Planning Committee would be responding to the ESC

Consultations. It was agreed an extension would be requested in respect of the Historic Environment consultation and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would

respond to these consultations. The Chairman ***reconvened the meeting.***

Cllr French reported an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting would be held on

Monday 8th February 2021 to discuss matters relating to the Pettistree application

and a possible Parish Boundary Change. It was agreed Pettistree PC would also be

invited to attend this meeting. The Chairman ***closed the meeting*** to allow Cllr

Westover to comment. Cllr Westover agreed Pettistree PC should be invited to attend this meeting and recommended that going forward both Parishes must work together and suggested this meeting could be an informal meeting. The Chairman ***reconvened the meeting***.

There being no further discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed:………………………………………… Dated:……………………