

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Monday 16th June 2025 at 7.00pm



Present: Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor T Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Q Cox
Councillor M Martin
Councillor D Smith

Apologies: Vicky Phillips, Deputy Town Clerk
Councillor R André
Councillor A Luccarini

In Attendance: Councillor J Burns
Councillor L Smith

There was one member of the public present:

Welcome:

Councillor P Hanlon welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded.

P25 Apologies for Absence

/115 The above apologies were noted.

P25 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/116 Councillor Q Cox declared a non-registrable interest in item XX Westfield Primary School. It was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor D Smith that Councillor Q Cox be granted full dispensation to take part in the discussion and vote as he had no greater interest in the matter than any other relative of students at the school.

RESOLVED

P25 Minutes of the Meeting 2nd June 2025

/117 It was proposed by Councillor Q Cox, seconded by Councillor M Martin, that the minutes of the meeting held 2nd May 2025 were approved as a true record by show of hands.

RESOLVED

P25 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/118 P25/101 – Vixen Pub.

Councillor P Hanlon advised that the portfolio holder for West Suffolk Council had instructed his officers to take appropriate action in respect of this and other eyesores. Councillor J Burns advised that the building remained insecure.

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| P25 /119 | <u>Street Naming</u> Councillor J Burns drew the meeting's attention to the list of military servicemen and women provided by the Family History Group. It was proposed by Councillor Q Cox, seconded by Councillor M Martin that the list be forwarded to West Suffolk. A note of thanks would be sent to the Family History Group. | Deputy Clerk Clerk |
| P25 /120 | <u>For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee</u> None. | |
| P25 /121 | <u>Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached)</u> None. | |
| P25 /122 | <u>Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)</u> Applications determined by the Committee are shown on List B attached to the Minutes, see Appendix (i). The Chairman invited members of the public who wished to address the Committee in relation to a planning application to speak ahead of the Committee. | |
| P25 /123 | <u>To consider Street Trading Licences</u> None. | |
| P25 /124 | <u>Matters to report</u> a) St John's Ambulance site going to delegation panel b) Spring Grove going to SCC Development & Waste committee. Councillor Hanlon is speaking on behalf of Haverhill. c) Councillor Burns advised the no-right-turn sign on the junction of Withersfield Road and Crowland Road is missing. He will report this. d) Sturmer Road garage is still being refuelled on the old location as the applicant is awaiting approval from Highways to make the adjustment to the entrance agreed during the planning process. The Town Council will write to Planning Enforcement and SCC Highways. e) The obscuration of signage on the bypass has not been resolved, with some signs completely lost in the vegetation. The Clerk advised it is not possible to deploy our wardens onto 60mph roads. f) Councillor Brown raised the issue of yet another water leak on Duddery Hill, and the chaotic approach by Anglian Water in terms of the full road closure rather than traffic lights and dismal signage regarding diversion routes. It was agreed that the town council should invite Anglian Water to a meeting to explain why works are done this way. | Deputy Clerk Deputy Clerk |
| P25 /125 | <u>Date of next Meeting</u> The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on 1 st July 2025 | |
| P25 /126 | <u>Closure</u> The meeting was closed at 7.59pm. | |

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

List A – Approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers

| | | PLAN NO. | PROPOSAL | LOCATION | TOWN COUNCIL DECISION |
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List B– To be considered at the Committee Meeting

| | | PLAN NO. | PROPOSAL | LOCATION | TOWN COUNCIL DECISION |
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| 02/06/2025 Expires 23/06/2025 | 1 | DC/25/0709/FUL | Provision of multi-use games area with associated fencing Mr Grant Collins, Westfield Primary Academy | Westfield Primary Academy, Chalkstone Way | NEUTRAL Proposed D Smith Seconded Q Cox RESOLVED |
| Councillors questioned whether the proposed reduction of -50 car parking spaces was a typo as the proposed development was nowhere near the car park. | | | | | |
| 04/06/2025 Expires 25/06/2025 | 2 | DC/25/0908/HH | a. single storey front extension b. single storey infill side extension c. garage conversion to habitable space Mrs Charlotte Elkins | 21 Abbots Road | NEUTRAL Proposed Q Cox Seconded A Brown RESOLVED |
| 15/05/2025 Expires 06/06/2025 | 3 | DC/25/0761/FUL | One dwelling Mr Robert Stockwell, RoStock Properties Ltd | 54 Crowland Road | OBJECT Proposed Q Cox Seconded M Martin RESOLVED |
| In addition to the Town Council's objection to the previous planning application, councillors observed that the application was not in accordance with the Suffolk Highways parking policy as it provided for only a single parking space. The denoting a bedroom as an office was not acceptable – it is the same size as the previous plans, when it was called a bedroom. The parking diagram was defective. It did not show the Y1 and Y2 dimensions as they extended beyond the edge of the plan. If drawn correctly, it would demonstrate how much of that vision splay would be obscured by parked vehicles. Councillor Brown offered to take photos so that Development Control members could see how the parking is at night. Members still felt requesting a site visit was worthwhile. | | | | | |
| 10/06/2025 Expires 01/07/2025 | 4 | DC/25/0886/FUL | a. insertion of ground floor window, b. single storey rear extension Dr Chandan Kaur, West End Manse Dental Care | West End Manse, 9 Withersfield Road | SUPPORT Proposed D Smith Seconded M Martin RESOLVED |