



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

# Haverhill Town Council

Notes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

## **ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY WORKING PARTY**

Held remotely on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Mayor D Smith  
Councillor L Smith (Chair)  
Councillor J Burns  
Councillor J Crooks  
Councillor L Miller-Jones  
Councillor D Page  
Councillor A Stinchcombe

**Apologies:** Councillor Q Cox  
Councillor J Mason

**In Attendance:** Angela Wilson, Haverhill Tree Wardens  
Colin Poole, Town Clerk  
Gary Wilson, Operations Manager  
Jane Lomas, Committee Administrator

No members of the public were present

### **Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded Councillors that the working party has no delegated powers and can only make recommendations to Full Council.

## **MINUTES**

### **ES24 Apologies for Absence**

/035 The above apologies were noted.

### **ES24 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**

/036 No declarations of interest were declared.

### **ES24 Minutes of the previous meeting**

/037 It was proposed by Councillor D Page, seconded by Councillor D Smith, that the minutes of the meeting held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be agreed as a true record.

### **RESOLVED**

### **ES24 Actions from the previous meeting not on the agenda**

/038 a) ES24/026a) Solar panels for Clements Community Centre: Agenda Item ES24/042b).

### **ACTION**

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| <p>b) ES24/030 Swift Boxes: It is anticipated that publicity via social media will commence at the end of November/beginning of December. Councillor L Smith is in the process of confirming a date with Save Our Suffolk Swifts for around the third week in January. Men's Shed plan to begin making swift boxes in January and installation of the boxes is aimed for May/June 2025. Councillor L Smith will contact local schools to find out how they may wish to be involved.</p> <p>c) ES23/031 Eco-vend: a machine is being installed in the Leisure Centre. Once it has been installed, Eco-vend will begin a publicity campaign.</p> <p>d) ES24/003f Replanting roadside trees in Chapple Drive: The Town Clerk will arrange a site meeting with Councillor J Mason to discuss the way forward.</p>  | <p><b>Councillor L Smith</b></p> <p><b>Town Clerk</b></p>    |
| <p><b>ES24 /039</b>    <b><u>Public Forum</u></b></p> <p>Ms A Wilson (Tree Wardens) and Councillor L Smith informed the meeting about progress at Puddlebrook and Chalkstone.</p> <p>a) Puddlebrook: Damien Parker is creating a masterplan for the site. Councillor L Smith will liaise with him to ascertain how he envisions putting the masterplan together and who should be involved.</p> <p>b) Chalkstone: 400 hedge plants have been ordered from the Woodland Trust and will be arriving in November. Ms Wilson is in the process of putting together a working party. Karen Chapple is promoting this to her groups. Councillor Miller-Jones suggested that Reach may be interested, and she will email Saffron Carter once she has full details of what is entailed. The Town Clerk confirmed that Haverhill Town Council will provide stakes and tree guards. The town council will prepare the ground before volunteers begin the planting.</p> | <p><b>Cllr L Smith</b></p> <p><b>Cllr L Miller-Jones</b></p> |
| <p><b>ES24 /040</b>    <b><u>On-Street EV Charging</u></b></p> <p>Councillors considered a report by Councillor Stinchcombe regarding on-street charging of electric vehicles. There was concern that Suffolk County Council is not moving fast enough to support the move to electric vehicles, and the inadequate charging facilities. SCC is soon to embark on a twelve-month trial of three different types of slot channels to be installed into the pavement to allow for electric vehicle charging. However, it was felt that twelve months is too long for this trial and will unnecessarily delay the UK's commitment to net-zero by 2050. It was agreed that the Town Clerk will draft a letter to Suffolk County Council, copying local County Councillors, with the concerns of the Working Party and urging swifter action.</p>   | <p><b>Town Clerk</b></p>                                     |
| <p><b>ES24 /041</b>    <b><u>Town for Nature and Togetherness</u></b></p> <p>Deferred until the next meeting.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>ES24 /042</b>    <b><u>Energy Efficiency</u></b></p> <p>a) Arts Centre: The Operations Manager is hopeful that Equans will visit this week or next week to review the building in order to put together a plan. This is now becoming urgent as the framework deadline is in October. The Operations Manager will follow-up with Equans.</p> <p>b) Clements Community Centre: a quote for just under £20k to replace the gas boiler with an air source heat pump has been received. It is hoped that West Suffolk Council will agree to the works under its</p>   | <p><b>Operations Manager</b></p>                             |

decarbonisation fund. The quote provides a starting point for progressing this project.

**ES24 Bee-Friendly Haverhill**

**/043** Nan Eshelby has reported that her work with Castle Manor Academy is now complete, and she is stepping away. Anjelica Cofer may be able to provide an update of how the Bee Week went.

It was proposed by Councillor D Smith, seconded by Councillor L Smith, that the Energy and Sustainability Working Party give a vote of thanks to Nan Eshelby for all her work for Haverhill.

**RESOLVED**

**Town Clerk**

**ES24 Items for the next meeting**

- /044**
- a) Carbon capture from waste incinerators – the Town Clerk will arrange a visit to both the Waste Incineration Plant, and Materials Recycling Facility at Great Blakenham.
  - b) Recycling: update and discussion on household kerbside collected items.
  - c) Eco-event: discuss holding an event during Spring 2025.

**Town Clerk**

**ES24 Date of Next Meeting**

**/045** Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

**ES24 Closure**

**/046** The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:12pm.

Signed .....  
**Chairman**

Date .....