

# Haverhill Town Council

## Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

### FULL COUNCIL

Held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00pm at Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

**Present:** Mayor Councillor D Smith  
Councillor R André  
Councillor A Brown  
Councillor J Burns  
Councillor A Cox  
Councillor P Firman  
Councillor P Hanlon  
Councillor M Martin  
Councillor J Mason  
Councillor L Miller-Jones  
Councillor L Smith  
Councillor A Stinchcombe

**Apologies:** Councillor J Crooks  
Councillor B Davidson  
Councillor A Luccarini  
Councillor D Page

**In Attendance:** Colin Poole, Town Clerk  
Jane Lomas, Council Administrator

2 members of the public were present.

### **Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded.

### **MINUTES**

**C24 /085** **Apologies for Absence**  
The above apologies were noted.

**C24 /086** **Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensation**  
Councillor R André declared an Other Registrable Interest in C24/091b, Explore Outdoor's grant report, as Haverhill Scouts supported the project. It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor J Mason that under the Localism Act 2011 s33 (2e) a dispensation to stay be granted on the grounds that it is appropriate to do so.

**RESOLVED**

**ACTION**

**C24 /087** **Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor M Martin that the minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 be agreed as a true record.  
**RESOLVED**

**C24 /088** **To note progress of actions arising from the minutes not covered by this Agenda**  
None.

**C24 /089** **Reports from District/County Councillors on issues pertinent to HAVERHILL and the PUBLIC FORUM**

a) **Police Report** - PC Jack Oakley introduced himself as the newly recruited Beat Officer responsible for Chalkestone and Clements estates and the surrounding area. PC Oakley explained that while Haverhill is a safe place to live and crime is decreasing, there are issues with youth antisocial behaviour, particularly with careless and antisocial motorcycle riding. This is being addressed by trying to engage with young people. On 28<sup>th</sup> July, PC Oakley and the Suffolk Roads Policing Unit will be visiting the Clements Estate and the west side of town to engage with motorcyclists to promote safe driving. Councillors offered to help promote this initiative and thanked PC Oakley.

b) **County Councillors** – see Appendix 1  
**Councillor J Mason:** see report attached (Appendix 1)  
Councillor Mason wished Councillor Hanlon well in his newly appointed role as Chair of West Suffolk Council.

Councillor A Brown has received complaints about grass and vegetation not being cut which is compromising access, including disabled access. He is working towards a resolution and is speaking with all responsible parties.

c) **Town Councillors**  
**Councillor J Burns:** see report attached (Appendix 2)  
Further to his report, Councillor Burns has received communication from Redrow at Great Wilsey Park. 160 units have been completed, 19 of those are designated as affordable housing. Redrow are still carrying out construction where they can and the next phase at the northern end is planned to begin in late summer.

d) **Public Forum**  
No members of the public wished to speak.

**C24 /090** **Mayor's Report** – The Mayor highlighted some of the events he had attended, including the D-Day 80 events in Haverhill and elsewhere in Suffolk, and Suffolk's official Suffolk-Day event hosted by Haverhill. He will supply the clerk with a full list of engagements to append to the minutes in due course – See Appendix 3.

**C24 /091** **Grants over £2,000**

a) **Haverhill Local History Museum**  
It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor J Mason that Haverhill Local History Museum be awarded a grant of £4,400 to

cover the cost of rent at Haverhill Arts Centre and contribution towards general running costs.

**RESOLVED**

b) Explore Outdoor

Councillors reviewed the report from Abbeycroft Leisure regarding the Explore Outdoor school holiday activities. Discussion ensued about attendance at the events and the uncertainty of future funding.

**C24** **ONE Haverhill Partnership**

**/092**

The One Haverhill Partnership Board meeting took place last week. A Science Festival report is attached (Appendix 4). The OHP Board would like Haverhill Town Council to consider holding the festival as a biennial event. This will be presented to Full Council for consideration at a later date.

There was presentation at the Board meeting from Community Action Suffolk on a project they are undertaking on food insecurity. Community Action Suffolk has received funding from Suffolk Leaders Group. The Clerk said that he and others in attendance were concerned that the apparent goal was to have more foodbanks rather than less poverty. It was generally agreed that it was the reasons behind food insecurity, for example, poverty or addiction, that should be addressed.

Current Chair of ONE Haverhill, Andy Hunter, is leaving Haverhill and Henry Wilson has been elected as the new Chair.

**C24** **Adoption of Committee Reports**

**/093**

a) Leisure and Community Committee:

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor M Martin that the minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee meeting held 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

**RESOLVED**

b) Planning Committee:

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor R André, that the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted.

**RESOLVED**

c) Personnel Working Party: Deferred to next meeting.

d) Energy and Sustainability Working Party:

It was proposed by Councillor L Smith, seconded by Councillor J Burns that the minutes of the Energy and Sustainability Working Party meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and the recommendations contained therein, be adopted: Request West Suffolk to include Haverhill in the ECOVEND pilot project.

**RESOLVED**

**C24** **Financial Matters**

**/094**

a) Authorisation of payments: It was proposed by Councillor J Burns, seconded by Councillor M Martin, that the listed payments totalling £133,740.12 be authorised.

**RESOLVED**

**C24** **Actions taken under delegated powers**

**/095** None.

**C24** **End of Year Accounts**

**/096** a) Significant financial events

- i. To note the RFO advises no such events occurred.

**NOTED**

b) Review of Internal Controls

- i. Review of Internal Controls for the Council was considered.  
ii. Review of the Internal Audit was considered.  
iii. Terms of Reference, Specification and effectiveness of the Internal Audit were considered.

It was proposed by Councillor L Smith, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon that the Internal Controls, Review of Internal Audit, Terms of Reference, Specification and review of the effectiveness of the Internal Audit be adopted.

**RESOLVED**

- iv. The Internal Auditor's report for the year ending 2023/24 and their AIAR report to the External Auditor was considered. The only recommendation referred to ensuring the prior-year figures on the Annual Accounting Statement were correct. This has been done.

It was proposed by Councillor L Smith, seconded by Councillor Q Cox that the Internal Auditor's report for the year ending 2023/24 and AIAR be adopted.

**RESOLVED**

c) Annual Accounts and Return

- i. Adoption of Annual Accounts  
1. Income and Expenditure  
2. Balance Sheet

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor L Miller-Jones, that the Annual Accounts be adopted.

**RESOLVED**

The Chair and Clerk signed the Annual Accounts.

- ii. Approval of sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

1. Annual Governance Statements: It was proposed by Councillor J Mason, seconded by Councillor L Smith that the annual governance statement be signed as a true reflection.

**RESOLVED**

The Chair and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement.

2. Accounting Statements: It was proposed by Councillor A Stinchcombe, seconded by Councillor M Martin, that the accounting statements be signed as a true reflection.

**RESOLVED**

The Chair signed the Accounting Statements that had previously been signed by the RFO.

3. Earmarked Reserves as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024: It was proposed by Councillor Q Cox, seconded by Councillor L Smith to approve the Earmarked Reserves totalling £870,413.69.

**RESOLVED**

4. Assets Register: It was proposed by Councillor L Smith, seconded by Councillor J Burns, that the asset register detailing fixed assets valued at £967,755.29 be approved.

**RESOLVED**

5. Risk Register: It was proposed by Councillor Q Cox, seconded by Councillor R André, that the Risk Register be adopted.

**RESOLVED**

References to the 'Leiston Community Centre' in the above documents are to be changed to "Clements Community Centre" to reflect the new name for the centre.

- d) To confirm all relevant insurances are in place

**NOTED**

#### **C24** Membership of Committees

**/097**

It was agreed that Councillors be appointed as follows:

a) Appeals Committee: Cllr Q Cox, Cllr J Crooks, Cllr B Davidson, Cllr L Miller-Jones, Cllr A Stinchcombe.

b) Civic Events Working Party: Cllr J Burns, Cllr Q Cox, Cllr B Davidson, Cllr A Luccarini, Cllr D Page, Cllr D Smith.

c) Community Events Working Party: Cllr A Brown, Cllr J Burns, Cllr B Davidson, Cllr P Hanlon, Cllr A Luccarini, Cllr L Miller-Jones, Cllr D Page.

d) Energy & Sustainability Committee: Cllr Q Cox, Cllr A Luccarini, Cllr J Mason, Cllr L Miller-Jones, Cllr D Page, Cllr D Smith, Cllr L Smith, Cllr A Stinchcombe.

e) Finance Committee: Cllr R André, Cllr J Burns, Cllr J Crooks, Cllr B Davidson, Cllr P Hanlon, Cllr A Luccarini, Cllr D Smith, Cllr L Smith.

f) Leisure and Community Committee: Cllr A Brown, Cllr J Burns, Cllr Q Cox, Cllr P Hanlon, Cllr A Luccarini, Cllr M Martin, Cllr D Page, Cllr D Smith.

g) Personnel Committee: Cllr R André, Cllr J Burns, Cllr A Luccarini, Cllr D Page, Cllr D Smith, Cllr L Smith.

h) Planning Committee: Cllr R André, Cllr A Brown, Cllr Q Cox, Cllr P Hanlon, Cllr A Luccarini, Cllr M Martin, Cllr D Smith.

i) Tendering Working Party: Cllr R André, Cllr J Burns, Cllr B Davidson, Cllr D Smith.

It was proposed by Councillor R André, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, that the membership of Committees be confirmed as listed above.

**RESOLVED**

#### **C24** Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees

**/098**

It was agreed that Councillors be appointed as follows:

a) Appeals Committee: Cllr B Davidson, Chair; Cllr Q Cox, Vice Chair.

b) Energy & Sustainability Committee: It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor M Martin that Cllr L Smith be appointed Chair of the Energy & Sustainability Committee.

**RESOLVED**

It was proposed by Cllr L Miller-Jones, seconded by Cllr R André that Cllr A Stinchcombe be appointed Vice Chair of the Energy & Sustainability Committee.

**RESOLVED**

c) Finance Committee: Cllr D Smith, Chair; Cllr R André Vice Chair.

d) Leisure and Community Committee: Cllr J Burns, Chair; Cllr D Smith, Vice Chair.

e) Civic Events Working Party: Cllr J Burns, Chair; Cllr Q Cox, Vice Chair.

f) Community Events Working Party: Cllr J Burns, Chair; Cllr B Davidson, Vice Chair.

g) Personnel Committee: Cllr L Smith, Chair; Cllr D Page, Vice Chair.

h) Planning Committee: Cllr P Hanlon, Chair, Cllr A Brown, Vice Chair.

**C24** **Appointment to Outside Bodies**

**/099**

a) It was proposed by Councillor R André, seconded by Councillor Q Cox, that Cllr A Brown, Cllr J Burns, Cllr Q Cox, Cllr B Davidson, and Cllr D Smith be appointed to ONE Haverhill.

b) It was proposed by Councillor A Stinchcombe, seconded by Councillor J Burns, that Cllr M Martin be appointed to Haverhill Disability Forum.

c) It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor Q Cox, that Cllr L Miller-Jones be appointed to the Youth Advisory Group.

**C24** **To receive urgent correspondence**

**/100**

None.

**C24/** **Any Other Business**

**101**

The Town Clerk was presented with a gift in appreciation of ten years of service to Haverhill Town Council. He took the opportunity to thank the Councillors for being a good team to work with, and his staff, who do the actual delivery of services for the town.

**C24** **Date of Next Meeting**

**/102**

The meeting noted that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**C24** **Closure**

**/103**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed ..... Date.....  
**Chairman**

- Appendix 1 – County Councillors’ reports**
- Appendix 2 – District Councillors’ reports**
- Appendix 3 – Mayor’s report**
- Appendix 4 – Science Festival 2024 report**

## **APPENDIX 1 – County Councillor’s report Councillor Joe Mason**

### **County and District Councillor Report, June 2024**

#### **Cllr Joe Mason**

Suffolk County Council held their Annual Meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May seeing Cllr Keith Robinson finish his successful year as chair of the council and for Cllr Liz Harsant to take on the role.

At West Suffolk Council I was pleased to see that a Haverhill Councillor has become Chair of West Suffolk Council and in doing so I wish Cllr Pat Hanlon an enjoyable year ahead in his newly appointed role. It is notable that the vote for his appointment was unanimous across the chamber.

I have been very busy, engaged in a wide range of issues in relation to projects and issues around the Haverhill Cangle District and elsewhere of which and for brevity I mention just a few in this report.

Since the last Full Town Council Meeting I was fortunate enough to represent the people of Suffolk at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

It was truly an honour, as only one of two County Councillors to have been invited to represent the people of Suffolk at this year’s Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Even better to share it with Lisa, who in this picture was still recovering from a recent operation.

It was a real pleasure meeting with different dignitaries and I was keen to focus on celebrating our County, Town and of course the people that do so much good in the Town of Haverhill.

Indeed, I am very mindful that I would not be here today without the support of the community I represent as a County Councillor.

We enjoyed Afternoon Tea and we were thrilled to be in the presence of King Charles and Queen Camilla. A rare day indeed.



I now sit on the SCC Education & Children Services Scrutiny Committee as well as the SCC Scrutiny Committee and I look forward to giving more feedback to the Town Council on progress being made towards improving SEND services.

#### **In this report.**

1. Suffolk County Council News
2. Haverhill’s New Recycling Centre
3. Highways Update
4. Persimmon Estate
5. Cash Access UK
6. Anaerobic Biodigester
7. West Suffolk News

#### **Suffolk County Council News**

3 motions were submitted to full council. Hapy to share separate to this report after July 4th as these may well contravene Purdah by nature of their political content.

## Suffolk Business Board named

A new Suffolk Business Board has been established to represent the local business community, help steer Suffolk's economic strategy and create a stronger, higher-skilled local economy. The Business Board takes over the role of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in providing a voice for business in Suffolk. [Suffolk Business Board named - Suffolk County Council](#)

## Residents advised - don't do business with cold callers

Suffolk Trading Standards is reminding people to stay alert to the risk of being ripped off by cold callers knocking on their doors. The warning comes after recent incidents of people approaching householders on the doorstep and touting for business. [Residents advised - don't do business with cold callers - Suffolk County Council](#)

## New cabinet changes announced as Council Leader sets out plans for next year

In the Annual General Meeting, Matthew Hicks, leader of Suffolk County Council, announced changes to his Cabinet at Suffolk County Council

The new Cabinet and Deputies will now consist of:

Richard Smith	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Economic Development and Skills
Beccy Hopfensperger	Cabinet Member for Adult Care
Paul West	Cabinet Member for Ipswich, Operational Highways and Flooding
Andrew Reid	Cabinet Member for Education and SEND
Bobby Bennett	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services
Philip Faircloth-Mutton	Cabinet Member for Environment, Communities and Equality
Chris Chambers	Cabinet Member for Transport Strategy, Planning and Waste
Steve Wiles	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Public Protection
Alexander Nicoll	Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport Strategy
David Roach	Deputy Cabinet Member for Fostering and Adoption
Nadia Cenci	Deputy Cabinet Member for Property and County Farms
Debbie Richards	Deputy Cabinet Member for SEND
Heike Sowa	Deputy Cabinet Member for Transformation
Richard Rout	Deputy Cabinet Member for NSIPs
Judy Cloke	Deputy Cabinet Member for Flooding

## Haverhill's New Recycling Centre

As reported briefly at the last Town Council Meeting in April, The new recycling centre is progressing well. The Concrete pour has gone well and it is anticipated that the facility will be completed by mid July. No specific date has yet been given for the opening.

[New Haverhill recycling centre on target for summer opening - Suffolk County Council](#)

## Highways

### Haverhill Town Centre Signs

Signs have been returned to the Town Centre with e.g. priority signs being installed nr the Market Place. An audit needs to be completed as to what has actually been done and what might still be needed, such as a no left turn on swan lane preventing traffic joining



Ehringshausen Way from Murton Slade. I am continuing to liaise with Cllr John Burns to see this to a satisfactory conclusion.

### **Greenfields Way bus stop**

Held up again regarding some additional unexpected engineering costs that are preventing work to be carried out. Was due for a May installation. No new schedule has been given to me.

### **Dropped Kerbs**

A new dropped kerb I commissioned has now been installed on Clements Drive. This was to improve accessibility from the Clements estate into Town. These dropped kerbs and other ones I have had installed at Orchard Close, Clayhive Drive and the Duddery Hill Petrol Station will mean that people in wheelchairs and mobility scooters can now access town more safely without having to go on the main road.

### **Installation of Playground Signs on Howe Rd**

New signs installed on Howe Road as requested by local residents due to concerns regarding increased numbers of children crossing. More work to be done, but the playground signs are a necessary improvement – despite it being somewhat surprising that they were not there in the first place.

### **Installation of Barrier/Fence**

It's taken many months for this repair to be carried out on on Withersfield Road/at the end of the Downs Place Path. The ugly plastic barrier has now gone and a nice the new barrier/fence is now in place.

### **Clarendon Road & £10m programme for surface dressings around Haverhill**

Much was discussed on social media regarding the temporary road surface repairs on Clarendon Road. Clarendon Road is still due for a resurface and is scheduled to have this by the end of the year. Best estimate is October, but this could change.

It's good also to see the resurfacing of a number of roads and paths across the Cangle District I represent being done and as part of Haverhill's share of a Suffolk-wide programme. I would have wanted so many other places done, but it's still good to see money being spent on improving some of our walkways and roads.

Somewhat frustratingly, Downs Crescent didn't make the list, but I will keep pushing to see what can be done there. Of course, not all paths or roads have been selected. Cllrs David Roach, Heike Sowa & myself lobbied to get as much for the Town as we could and it's good to see much-needed work being carried out and completed. Please keep reporting significant road defects/potholes on the Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool.

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

### **Sturmer Arches Roundabout re-surface**

Long awaited works have been completed. I have reported missing roundabout signage on Ehringshausen Way and I have been told this will be installed. No timeline for this as yet.

Highways have again shared a desire to reopen discussions relating to large vehicle routes around town once the NW Haverhill Relief Road is opened.

## **Persimmon Estate and Relief Road & S106 – Improvement to Ann Suckling Road and Wratting Road**

### **NW Haverhill Relief Road**

CADENT are due to start work starting 24<sup>th</sup> June...Hopefully.

### **Farrant Road**

Final Dressing delayed as a result of discussions being held between Highways and Persimmon regarding quality assurance/specification issues that need addressing before the final surface is laid.

### **Playground Area**

Families are now enjoying the use of the newly opened playpark on the Persimmon Estate. Somewhat frustratingly there were still a number of issues to resolve. I remain most concerned about Persimmons poor response to providing high quality landscaping. The rest of the park is unusable and will likely remain so for the duration of the summer.

### **Ann Suckling Road**

Discussions with highways continue about a range of improvements and speed mitigation measures.

### **Freshwater/Havebury Estate**

I conducted a site walk with Havebury and West Suffolk Planners regarding issues relating to the developer not completing works to a satisfactory standard before handover to Havebury. Awaiting agreement as to what will be done including the installation of a path joining the Freshwater Estate to Farrant Road, near the playpark.

### **Wratting Road Crossing**

Highways have committed to install a crossing. Designs for a Crossing on Wratting road are being developed by Highways. No timescale for install but progressing is being made but will be a welcome addition for safe crossing of Wratting Road.

### **Cash Access UK (CAUK)**

I was approached by CAUK and I met with the Temporary Banking Hub Team regarding a desire to find a location for a temporary banking hub. I signposted them to the Town Council/ Clerk who may want to feedback the outcomes of those discussions. Whilst they reassured me that a temporary banking hub would offer the same services as a permanent hub on the High Street, it left me concerned that plans to have a High Street presence were being shelved. Thankfully I have received further separate assurances from CAUK with information that progress is being made on a high street unit. Officially/publicly the status is "Property search underway". I would have hoped contracts would have been signed by now and hopefully it won't be long before we hear something more positive. In the meantime the temporary banking hub seems to be the immediate priority and for it to be open by September.

### **Anaerobic Biodigester**

There is no further update as Acorn seem to be slow to respond to the list of additional information and mitigations relating to issues arising from their application.

## **West Suffolk Council News**

Little to report from the annual meeting with no meaningful business taking place other than the aforementioned appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair.

Very disappointed that yet another Market review is being undertaken without the previous one's actions not having been implemented.

West Suffolk parks team have been exceptionally responsive and willing to address issues relating to plants and green space/street furniture breakages (Broken fencing, benches etc.)

There have been significant concerns communicated to me by residents regarding grass cutting, damage to Bee Orchids and evidence of Glyphosate again being used by Suffolk County Council.

As reported to the Energy & Sustainability Committee alternative methods have not worked and County Wide this has led to increased costs of maintenance and reinstatement of “lifted slabs” and damage to pavements. I have been engaged in a wide variety of casework across the Town and where possible I have shared this collaboratively with other local members. I remain concerned about the lack of focus on improving the Markets or indeed the High Street, with no plans on the horizon for returning the old HSBC bank back to the High Street.

#### Local plan submitted for independent scrutiny

West Suffolk members will have received info about the Local Plan Process progressing and that it will take the next year working with the Planning Inspectorate.

#### First stage opening nears for project to boost education, skills and High Street trade

Welcome news about West Suffolk College taking occupancy in Provincial House. Discussions with West Suffolk College were initiated with the previous administration with this project led by then Cllr Susan Glossop. No information yet has been provided regarding numbers of expected users/staff or quantity or frequency of courses or indeed what courses will be available. I remain concerned that statements about boosting High Street trade may be over optimistic and until a full programme of courses is announced this may not result in a significantly higher footfall that is suggested in this piece.

#### Cabinet agree £650,000 package of community funding support

Community funding support of close to £650,000 to support the health and wellbeing of residents across West Suffolk, has been agreed.

#### Breach notice could mean fines if any further delay to relief road

A developer could face court proceedings and an unlimited fine unless it holds to its latest timetable to deliver a relief road in Haverhill.

#### Markets matter – have your say to shape the future of the West Suffolk markets

The views of residents and traders will be at the heart of a new Markets Matter initiative, which will invest £300,000 in a three year action plan to develop West Suffolk Markets for the future.

This concludes the report and although this does not include all the work I am undertaking at the moment, with hopefully some projects/issues nearing completion, members are always welcome to contact me should they need any information or assistance relating to issues across the Cangle District ward.

## **APPENDIX 2 – Town Councillor’s report Councillor John Burns**

- **Great Wilsey Park:** I have asked Redrow for an update as to where they are in terms of build out and longer-term plans. I have also reported a missing roundabout directional signage board that was removed over a year ago just north of the Relief Road roundabout and not replaced.
- **Police Matters:** Crime stats for April 2024 were distributed on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Link to the May edition of Constable’s County was sent out on 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- **SCC Highways:** Overnight on 4<sup>th</sup> June new signs were installed in the town centre in way of the junction of Camps Road and High Street. Whilst being installed I noticed that some were wrong and signs we were not expecting to be removed have been. After consulting with Cllr Mason, I agreed to redo another survey to compare what was previously agreed and what

has been installed. That survey is still to be done delayed by other work I am doing. It is sad after 2.5 years that this has still not been done to the level we expected. Examples are the TRO start sign by Bull PH not being installed to show the restrictions and the no right turn sign in Murton Slade (into Queen Street) being removed.

- **Combined Authority:** No further updates.
- **Greater Cambridge Partnership:** Nil to report.
- **Parking:** I continue to report lack of enforcement particularly where pavements are being totally blocked outside schools, but which seems to elicit no reaction from WSC.
- **Markets:** I had a meeting with officers and Councillors on 24<sup>th</sup> May. This finally (after two years) appears to now agree that markets will come under the control of WSC Growth rather than Operations which was #1 on the detailed recommendations list from May 2022. That is in fact what the CEO told me nearly 3 years ago is the case so find it odd that nobody else seems to have cottoned on. It is hoped that the as many of the 44 other recommendations from the market review (I chaired) will now be actioned on but time will tell.
- **Sturmer Arches:** Nothing new to report.
- **Fox PH (Wratting Road):** We await what happens with this.
- **Vixen PH (Millfields Way):** No further updates known.
- **Strasbourg Square:** Nothing new to report.
- **Other work:**
  - Attended various HTC meetings online and in person.
  - Worked with Tech staff to fix the digisign where a display driver PCB had failed
  - Attended the Haverhill History Group 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations in HAC.
  - Sorted out convoy route and timings ready for AFD.
  - Worked with HTC staff and Cllr Luccarini in installing bunting and D-Day 80 banners over several days and later replaced banners with Suffolk Day bunting & banners including transfer of hi-lift truck to/from Newmarket.
  - Attended & filmed D-Day 80 event.
  - Helped out at Suffolk Day event.
  - Attended funeral of Bill Gladden in BSE riding with Cllr Brown in his 82-year-old Bedford. Very moving event and lots of people there with over 100 vehicles in the escorting convoy from Haverhill to BSE.
  - Various updates made and installed to Zone till system to cater for youth skills activities. Other changes and bug fixes are underway for all systems.

## APPENDIX 3 – Mayor’s report

Mayor Engagements for HTC on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Date	Event
10 <sup>th</sup> May	West Suffolk Chair’s Dinner
12 <sup>th</sup> May	St Nicholas Hospice 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Haverhill Annual Town Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Memories Are Golden Quiz
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction of Rev Max Drinkwater as Rector
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Haverhill Free Food Hub

30 <sup>th</sup> May	Haverhill Local History Museum 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Daines and Law official opening
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Presentation of award to winner of Clements Comm Ctr design
6 <sup>th</sup> June	D-Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flag Raising – Market Square; Cleves Place Lamp Lighting Service; Lord Lieutenant’s D-Day Service, St Edmundsbury Cathedral; Beacon Lighting, Abbey Gardens
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Thetford Civic Event
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Great Dunmow Mayor Making Event
12 <sup>th</sup> June	CAS Food Security Workshop; SNEE ICB Engagement Event
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Kedington Meadowlark
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Felixstowe Civic Service
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Suffolk Day
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Armed Forces Week Flag Raising

**Appendix 4 – Haverhill Science Festival report** (see separate document)