

# Haverhill Town Council

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

### PLANNING COMMITTEE



**HAVERHILL**  
TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Councillor T Brown (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Q Cox  
Councillor A Luccarini  
Councillor D Smith

**Apologies:** Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)  
Councillor R André  
Councillor M Martin

**In Attendance:** Colin Poole, Town Clerk  
Vicky Phillips, Deputy Clerk  
Councillor J Burns

There was one member of the public present:

#### **Welcome:**

Councillor T Brown, Vice Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded.

#### **P25    Apologies for Absence**

**/082**    The above apologies were noted.

#### **P25    Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**

**/083**    Councillors Brown, Luccarini and Smith, declared an other-registerable interest in item P25/088 – Items 1 and 2, being West Suffolk Councillors. A dispensation was given to allow those members to take part in the discussion and any subsequent vote, as otherwise the meeting would not be quorate.  
Proposed Councillor Cox, seconded Councillor Smith

#### **RESOLVED**

Councillor Brown declared a non-registerable interest in item P25/088 – Items 1 and 2. Councillor Brown has used funding from his locality budget towards the MUGA. A dispensation was given to allow Councillor Brown to take part in the discussion and any subsequent vote, as otherwise the business of the meeting would be impeded.

Proposed Councillor Smith, seconded Councillor Brown

#### **RESOLVED**

#### **P25    Minutes of the Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

**/084**    It was proposed by Councillor Smith seconded by Councillor Cox, that the minutes of the meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 were approved as a true record by show of hands.

#### **RESOLVED**

#### **P25    Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**/085**    P25/075 - Councillor Cox would like it noted that he did not attend the Licence hearing for Loungers due to illness and had given his apologies.

**P25 /086 For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee**

No members of public in attendance wished to speak.

**P25 /087 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached)**

Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair are shown on List A attached to the Minutes, see Appendix (i)

**None.**

**P25 /088 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)**

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.

No members of the public were in attendance.

**P25 /089 To consider Street Trading Licences**

Street License applications determined by the Committee are shown on List C attached to the Minutes, see appendix (i)

**None.**

**P25 /090 Matters to report**

Councillor Luccarini reported that the Loungers licence had been approved, with conditions that only waiter/waitress service will be available on the outside seating area on the Market Square and that outside tables and chairs be unusable after 10.00pm each day. Councillor Burns reported that he had withdrawn his objection to this licence application.

**P25 /091 Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**P25 /092 Closure**

The meeting was closed at 7.45pm.

Signed .....  
**Chairman**

Date.....

## Appendix (i)

### List A – To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		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
25/04/2025 Expires 17/05/2025	1	DC/25/0658/ADV	Non illuminated advertising banners  Damien Parker, West Suffolk Council	Motts Field, Chalkstone Way	<b>NEUTRAL</b> Proposed Councillor Cox, seconded Councillor Smith <b>RESOLVED</b>
25/04/2025 Expires 17/05/2025	2	DC/25/0657/FUL	Replacement multi-use games area and associated works  Damien Parker, West Suffolk Council	Motts Field, Chalkstone Way	
<p>Debate took place around the advantages and disadvantages of a gated, lockable area which requires an app to book appointments for use. Concerns were raised over the need of an app-based booking system which could potentially deter casual players who might want to turn up on a whim, the current set up also allows football and basketball to be played at the same time. The advantage of the proposed bookable pitches ensures guaranteed playtime, booking ahead ensures players would not have to compete for space, share the court with others or be forced to vacate if others arrive. A floodlit, all-weather pitch also allows for play later into the evening. Therefore, it was decided to submit a NEUTRAL comment, with the request to review in six months to see how these changes impact users.</p> <p>Proposed Councillor Cox, seconded Councillor Smith <b>RESOLVED</b></p>					
25/04/2025 Expires 17/05/2025	3	DC/25/0678/HH	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension  Mr G Simons	16 Ash Grove	<b>NEUTRAL</b> Proposed Councillor Cox, seconded Councillor Smith <b>RESOLVED</b>

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
01/05/2025 Expires 23/05/2025	4	SCC/0017/25SE	Retrospective application for the construction of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and associated infrastructure	Haverhill Waste Management Site, Falconer Road	
<b>OBJECT</b> Members noted that the new submission remained unchanged, meaning our previous objections still stands. It was proposed to reiterate our previous points. Proposed Councillor Cox, seconded Councillor Smith <b>RESOLVED.</b>					

**List C– To be considered at the Committee Meeting**

		NEW / RENEWAL/ VARIATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
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