

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Monday 6th October 2025 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor A Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor D Smith
Councillor M Martin

Apologies: Councillor Q Cox
Vicky Phillips, Deputy Town Clerk

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Councillor J Burns

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

/177 The above apologies were noted.

P25 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/178 None.

P25 Minutes of the Meeting 8th September 2025

/179 It was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor D Smith, that the minutes of the meeting held 22nd September 2025 were approved as a true record by show of hands.

RESOLVED

P25 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/180 None.

P25 Street Naming – New Street off Burton End

/181 Members agreed that there was merit in naming streets after people who had given service to the town. It was noted that the developer had suggested St John Close after the St John Ambulance charity that was based on the site off Burton Road. It was proposed by Councillor D Smith, seconded by Councillor M Martin that Kiernan Close be put forward for this street.

RESOLVED

Clerk

P25 /182 For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee

A resident referred the meeting to the section of Greenfields Way between Orford Road and Norton Road. With cars parked on either side of the road it meant there was often delays as the road was narrowed to a single carriageway. Councillors advised this was resident parking, parking for the Children's Centre and surgery, so any request for parking restrictions was unlikely to be supported. The narrowing also slows down traffic.

P25 /183 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached appendix i)

None.

P25 /184 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.

P25 /185 To consider Street Trading Licences

None.

P25 /186 Matters to report

- i. Councillor A Brown highlighted the development in Station Road and how the request to retain the monument stone had been very well integrated into the design. It was agreed that a note of thanks should be sent to the developer.
- ii. Councillor P Hanlon referred to the issue of safety and security at the Vixen site off Strasbourg Square. Planning Enforcement advised that the brambles to the rear of the site provided natural security. He disagreed with this assessment but acknowledged there was not much more he could do. Councillors thanked him for his efforts. It was hoped the developers would get on and develop the site as soon as possible after planning permission was obtained. It was noted that the previous plans submitted were not satisfactory.
- iii. Councillor D Smith referred to a complaint about the way parents were parking at the bottom of school lane. The Clerk advised that the same complaint had been received and referred to the county councillors for that division, with a suggestion that knee-height fencing could be installed to stop parking on the verge.

P25 /187 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Monday 20th October 2025.

P25 /188 Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

Dep Clerk

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

List A – Approved by Chairman and Clerk under delegated powers

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION

List B – To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
22/09/2025 Expires 13/10/2025	1	DC/25/0421/FUL	a. construction of building to accommodate two residential units b. extension to dropped kerb to create parking area (following demolition of side extensions to 19A Hamlet Road) Mr Robert Blackman	Land adjacent 19A Hamlet Road	The council objected to the last proposal to turn this property into two dwellings. It was proposed by Cllr A Brown, seconded by Cllr M Martin, that the consultation response be deferred in order to find out the room sizes and hear comments from other consultees. RESOLVED
25/09/2025 Expires 09/10/2025	2	DC/251405/HH	RE-CONSULTATION – Install air source heat pump Jordan Simbananiye	43 Roman Way	NEUTRAL Proposed M Martin Seconded A Brown RESOLVED

List C– To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		NEW / RENEWAL/ VARIATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION