

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at 7.00pm

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

Apologies: Mayor L Miller-Jones
Absent: Councillor Q Cox

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Vicky Phillips, Deputy Town Clerk
Councillor J Burns
Councillor Paul Littman, Suffolk County Councillor

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.

- | | <u>Action</u> |
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| P26 /066 <u>Apologies for Absence</u>
The above apologies were noted. | |
| P26 /067 <u>Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation</u>
None | |
| P26 /068 <u>Minutes of the Meeting 5th May 2026</u>
It was proposed by Councillor D Smith and seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, that the minutes of the meeting held 5 th May 2026 were approved as a true record by show of hands.
RESOLVED | |
| P26 /069 <u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u>
None. | |
| P26 /070 <u>For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee</u>
None. | |
| P26 /071 <u>Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached appendix i)</u>
None. | |



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P26 /072 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)

P26 /073 To consider Street Trading Licences
None.

P26 /074 Matters to report

Councillor T Brown reported that the old Gas Works site is being used for storage of old London Council wheelie bins, with a tanker parked in front of the gates for security. Councillor Brown reported that he had previously raised concerns with County Councillor J Mason about the site and the potential fire hazard, explaining that any fire appliance would be unable to enter the site due to the tanker parked in front of the gates. The Clerk to write to West Suffolk Council to raise these concerns.

Proposed Councillor Luccarini, seconded Councillor M Martin

RESOLVED

Councillor P Hanlon reported that he had attended the Planning Training session, which had spoken about National schemes, he had found the training very useful.

P26 /075 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Monday, 01 June 2026.

P26 /076 Closure

The meeting was closed at 7.24pm.

Clerk

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

		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
28/04/2026 Expires 20/05/2026	1	DC/26/0623/TPO	TPO 297(2000) tree preservation order – two Sycamore (T1 and T2 on plan) and T11 and T12 on order) crown lift lowest lateral branches overhanging dwelling and prune limb back to branch collar	4 Tudor Close	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor D Smith, seconded by Councillor M Martin RESOLVED
	2	26/00731/OUT	Outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for access, for the change of use of Sturmer Hall to a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school for up to 120 young adults, including associated access arrangements	Sturmer Hall, Church Walk, Haverhill. CB9 7XD	

NEUTRAL

It was proposed by Councillor T Brown and seconded by Councillor D Smith that a NEUTRAL comment be submitted, with the following comments:

The Council recognises the potential benefits that specialist SEND provision could bring to the wider community and therefore submits a neutral comment on the application. However, the Town Council asks that Braintree District Council give full and careful consideration to the objections and concerns raised by both Historic England and Essex Highways before any decision is made or any development commences on site. In particular, attention should be given to matters relating to highway safety, traffic impact, heritage significance, and the effect of the proposals on the character and setting of Sturmer Hall and its surroundings.

The Town Council would request that all necessary safeguards, mitigation measures and conditions are fully resolved and agreed prior to any works proceeding.

		PLAN NO.	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
RESOLVED					
06/05/2026 Expires 28/05/2026	3	DC/26/0655/ADV	a. 10 advertisement flags b. four non illuminated stack signs c. two non illuminated entrance sign. Mr Alex Clarke, Bloor Homes	Land NE Haverhill, English Way	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor A Luccarini, seconded by Councillor T Brown RESOLVED

List C– To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		NEW / RENEWAL/ VARIATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
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