

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Monday, 01 June 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor T Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Q Cox
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor M Martin
Mayor L Miller-Jones
Councillor D Smith

Apologies: None

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

There were two members of the public present:

Welcome:

Councillor P Hanlon welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded.

P26 Apologies for Absence

/077 The above apologies were noted.

P26 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/078 Councillors declared a non-registerable interest in item P26/072 – Item 2, as direct neighbours of the application site. A dispensation was given to allow all members to take part in the discussion and any subsequent vote, as otherwise the business of the committee would be impeded.

Proposed Councillor Aaron Luccarini, seconded Councillor David Smith

RESOLVED

Councillor T Brown declared a non-registerable interest in item P26/072 – Item 3 as he knows the applicant and would leave the room during the discussion.

P26 Minutes of the Meeting 19th May 2026

/079 It was proposed by Councillor A Luccarini and seconded by Councillor M Martin, that the minutes of the meeting held 19th May 2026 were approved as a true record by show of hands.

RESOLVED

P26 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/080 P26/074 - Councillor T Brown provided an update on the Old Gasworks site. He explained that he had contacted Councillor J Mason, who had then visited the site. Councillor Mason had also received complaints from nearby

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residents reporting that people had been accessing the site through a hole in the fence, setting fires, and throwing wheelie bins into the brook.

The Environment Agency had contacted the site owners to advise them that the fence had been breached and to request the removal of the bins from the brook. The Agency had also taken soil samples. Councillor Mason will visit the site again this evening to check whether these issues have been addressed.

West Suffolk Council is working alongside the Environment Agency and has also contacted the site owners. It is currently awaiting a response.

Colin Poole reported that he had raised the matter with Nick Timothy's office and had asked whether he would intervene.

Councillor Brown added that, following the recent heavy rainfall, his wife had seen a wheelie bin in the river at Chalkstone Way, which may have washed downstream from the site.

To take to FC Agenda for update

Clerk

P26 /071 For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee

- A member of the public reported that he had recently contacted West Suffolk District Council regarding concerns about construction management at the Redrow site and was not satisfied with the response he received. Members suggested that he may have spoken with Customer Services and advised him to contact the Council again to speak directly with Planning Officers, who were well placed to address his concerns. He was also advised that relevant planning documents are available online, including the Section 106 Agreement, which sets out the timescales and obligations agreed at an early stage of the development process.
- Mr Pinnock reported a sunken part of the road at the roundabout along the Bypass where you turn right for Homefield Road.

P26 /082 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (List A attached appendix i)

None.

P26 /083 Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda (List B attached)

Item 3 - Councillor T Brown left the meeting at 7.35pm

P26 /084 To consider Street Trading Licences

None.

P26 /085 Matters to report

Councillor J Burns reported:

- Redrow are due to close the temporary construction entrance at Falcon Close and Chalkstone Way
- Motts Field – Floodlights are on at 6pm and are on to midnight and shining into windows on Charrington Close.
Councillor T Brown will report to West Suffolk Council
- Large dips/subsidence in the blocked paving along the High Street
Members discussed Highways' responsibility for repairing potholes and areas of subsidence and the construction of the road. Colin Poole advised that Councillor J Mason is using his County Council locality funding to undertake the required repairs.

Cllr Brown

Councillor T Brown reported:
Essex County Council are prioritising potholes, hopefully same will happen in Suffolk

Councillor M Martin reported:

- There is a significant subsidence in Mill Road.
- People are ignoring the very obvious no entry signs at the junction of Mill Road and Chantry Road and travelling the wrong way up the road.

The Clerk to report these issues to County Councillor Littman

Clerk

P26 **Date of next Meeting**

/086 The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Monday, 15 June 2026.

P26 **Closure**

/087 The meeting was closed at 8.01pm..

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
21/05/2026 Expires 12/06/2026	1	DC/26/0709/FUL	Partial change of use from Class E – commercial, business and service to class B2 – general industrial David Richardson, Richardson Auto Electrics	76 Duddery Hill	NEUTRAL Proposed Councillor A Luccarini, seconded Councillor M Martin RESOLVED
22/05/2026 Expires 13/06/2026	2	DC/26/0577/FUL	Two storey building for Class E use Cambridgeshire Philip Jordan, Jordan and Bateman Architects	Land north of Boundary Road	
<p>NEUTRAL Whilst submitting a neutral response to the application, members would like to add in a comment that the additional unit will result in additional vehicles entering and exiting onto Sturmer Road, therefore recommends that Highways review the existing speed limit along the A143 (Rowley Hill/Sturmer Road) to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. Proposed Councillor A Luccarini, seconded Councillor M Martin RESOLVED</p>					
22/05/2026 Expires 13/06/2026	3	DC/26/0436/FUL	Change of use of office building (class E) to dwelling (class C3) Mr and Mrs Dilloway	Weavers Business Centre, 6 Hamlet Road	NEUTRAL Proposed Councillor A Luccarini, seconded Councillor M Martin RESOLVED

List C– To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		NEW / RENEWAL/ VARIATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
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