

Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Monday, 10 August 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor A Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Q Cox
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor D Smith

Apologies: Councillor M Martin
Mayor L Miller-Jones
Vicky Phillips, Deputy Town Clerk

In Attendance: Councillor J Burns
Colin Poole, Town Clerk

There were no 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

/125 The above apologies were noted.

P26 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/126 None.

P26 Minutes of the Meeting 20th July 2026

/127 It was proposed by Councillor A Luccarini and seconded by Councillor D Smith, that the minutes of the meeting held 20th July 2026 were approved as a true record by show of hands.

RESOLVED

P26 Matters Arising from the Minutes

/128 None

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

/129 None.

P26 Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (Appendix i, List A attached)

/130 None.

Action

P26 /131 **Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda - (Appendix i, List B attached)**

P26 /132 **To consider Street Trading Licences - (Appendix i, List C attached)**

P26 /133 **Matters to report**

Councillor Burns reported that the Show Home Manger at Redrow has asked what is happening about the Fox Public House, Councillor P Hanlon will chase. Councillor T Brown updated that the works at Sturmer Road Service Station has started.

Councillor T Brown asked if there were any updates on the advertising signs on roundabouts, which were subject to planning, which had been taken to enforcement. The Clerk to chase.

Councillor A Luccarini suggested that the Town Council contact Suffolk County Council to ask about money raised from the advertisement boards, and what this is being spent on, which on their website states that this goes towards maintenance and planting of roundabouts, but that has not happened since the signs have appeared.

Councillor Q Cox raised concerns about the increasing number of road closures and works not taking place during closure periods, and roads being fully closed where traffic could potentially have passed. This potentially could be because traffic lights are no longer being used. Councillor A Luccarini noted that many closures were due to Anglian Water, while Councillor J Burns explained that the permit system and online information were not always up to date, as utility companies did not consistently notify Suffolk County Council when works were completed.

It was proposed by Councillor Q Cox, seconded by Councillor T Brown that the matter would be raised with Suffolk County Council Highways.

RESOLVED

Councillor A Luccarini reported that he had received complaints from residents regarding the Atterton and Ellis site. The scaffolding has been removed, but it looks like no work had taken place.

Councillor J Burns reported that the statutory signs along the bypass have deteriorated and are not able to be seen.

P26 /134 **Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday, 01 September 2026.

P26 /135 **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 8.00pm.

Cllr P Hanlon

Deputy Clerk

Town Clerk

Signed
Chairman

Date.....

Appendix (i)

List A – Planning Applications taken under Delegated Powers

		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
17/07/2026 Expires 07/08/2026	1	DC/26/1062/HH	a. First floor front extension b. part two storey, part single storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage) c. detached double cart lodge. Mr David Sittle, Graeme Bowe Designs	Sagittaria, Hill Crescent	
Application is contradictory and unclear as to whether there is a cart lodge being proposed. Haverhill Town Council are NEUTRAL on the extension, however OBJECT to the cart lodge, which is well beyond the building line and not in keeping with the streetscape, massing and overdevelopment of the site. Proposed Councillor D Smith, seconded Councillor T Brown RESOLVED					
30/07/2026 Expires 20/08/2026	2	26/00731/OUT	Re-Consultation: Revised site plan and additional ecological information: Outline application with all matter reserved except access, for the change of use of Sturmer Hall and associated buildings to a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school, erection of new hydrotherapy and wellness centre, 7 no. detached buildings	Sturmer Hall, Church Walk, Sturmer, Essex, CB9 7XD	

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			for student accommodation and associated access arrangements.		
To submit comments as previously: <i>‘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.</i> <i>The Town Council would request that all necessary safeguards, mitigation measures and conditions are fully resolved and agreed prior to any works proceeding.’</i> Proposed Councillor D Smith, seconded Councillor Q Cox RESOLVED					
27/07/2026 Expires 24/08/2026	3	TPO/008(2026)	Tree Preservation Order – As attached plans	Boyton Hall, Anne Lane, Haverhill	SUPPORT Proposed by Councillor A Luccarini, seconded Councillor D Smith RESOLVED
06/08/2026 Expires 27/08/2026	4	DC/26/1146/FUL	Addition of air source heat pump to rear elevation. Mr Luke Simpkin	Haverhill Leisure Centre, Lordscroft Lane	NEUTRAL Proposed by Councillor D Smith, seconded by Councillor A Luccarini RESOLVED

List C– To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		NEW / RENEWAL/ VARIATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION

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31/08/2026	1	New	Premises Licence	Papa Johns 36 High Street	OBJECT
Haverhill Town Council OBJECTS to the proposed opening hours of 3.00am, seven days a week. The Town Council considers that opening until 3.00am every day is excessive and is not consistent with the operating hours of comparable local businesses. The Council requests that the proposed opening hours are reviewed and brought into line with other similar businesses in the area, such as USA Chicken, which operates until 2.00am on Fridays and Saturdays and until midnight Monday to Thursday. The Town Council considers that more appropriate and proportionate opening hours would help to minimise potential impacts on the surrounding area, particularly during the late-night and early-morning period. Deliveries should also be to the rear of the property. Proposed Councillor Q Cox, seconded Councillor T Brown RESOLVED					
06/08/2026	2	New	Street Trading	The Iced Gem Bakery, 16 Beford Court	NEUTRAL Proposed Councillor A Luccarini, seconded Councillor Q Cox RESOLVED
It was also proposed by Councillor T Brown that the Town Council write to Licencing at West Suffolk Council to request that they review their policies on Street Trading fees for micro businesses and disproportionate charges, seconded by Councillor Q Cox RESOLVED					