Haverhill Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Tuesday, 06 October 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillor P Hanlon (Chairman)
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor M Martin
Mayor L Miller-Jones

Apologies: Councillor A Brown (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Q Cox
Councillor D Smith

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

Action

P26 /159 **Apologies for Absence**
The above apologies were noted.

P26 /160 **Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**
Councillor J Burns declared a non registerable interested in item P26/165 Item 3 as he has interests in a neighbouring property.
It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon and seconded by Councillor M Martin that a dispensation be granted to allow Councillor J Burns to stay for the discussion, but could not vote.
RESOLVED

P26 /161 **Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, 21 September 2026**
It was proposed by Councillor M Martin and seconded by Councillor A Luccarini, that the minutes of the meeting held Monday, 21 September 2026 were approved as a true record by show of hands.
RESOLVED

P26 /162 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
P26/151: Road Closures; the Town Clerk reported he had circulated to members the response from Network Assurance.
P26/152: Weeds at 1 Coupals Close – the Town Clerk reported that the Community Wardens had cleared the area of weeds.
P26/152: Councillor J Burns reported that the cut back of Weeping Willows along Ehringshausen Way were due to be carried out today or tomorrow.

P26/154 – List B Item 2 – The Town Clerk confirmed that concerns around the PROW were incorrect and, as thought by Councillors, there would be no permanent impact as the cable would be underground.
P26/156 – The Deputy Clerk confirmed that she had reported the issue at Mill Road to the Conservation Officer, who had provided a link to the Planning Enforcement Team's reporting tool. Councillor M Martin will follow up on the matter.

P26 /163 **For members of the public to speak on Planning Matters other than applications before the Committee**
None.

P26 /164 **Planning Applications determined by the Clerk and Chair under Delegated Powers (Appendix i, List A attached)**
None.

P26 /165 **Planning Applications currently before West Suffolk District Council and received by publication of agenda - (Appendix i, List B attached)**

P26 /166 **To consider Street Trading Licences - (Appendix i, List C attached)**

P26 /167 **Matters to report**
None.

P26 /168 **Date of next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on:
Monday, 19 October 2026. For NPPF Training
Tuesday, 20 October 2026. Planning Committee

P26 /169 **Closure**
The meeting was closed at 8.36pm.

Signed …… Date……
Chairman

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
23/09/2026 Expires 14/10/2026	1	DC/26/1407/HH	a. two storey side extension b. enlargement of first floor window to front elevation. Mr and Mrs Michael Sale, Michael Sale Architectural Surveyors Ltd	11 Constable Road	**NEUTRAL** Proposed Councillor M Martin, seconded by Councillor L Miller-Jones **RESOLVED**
29/09/2026	2	DC/26/1484/TPO	TPO: 084(1982) Tree Preservation Order – One Ash tree (indicted on plan and T9 on order) overall crown reduction by three metres Mrs Val Godsman	20 Wratting Road	**NEUTRAL** Proposed Councillor L Miller-Jones, seconded by Councillor M Martin **RESOLVED**
30/09/2026 Expires 21/10/2026	3	DC/26/0978/VAR	Variation of condition 2 of DC/23/1702/FUL to allow for use of amended plans for one commercial building for self-storage (class B8) with associated vehicular and cycle parking and landscaping (following demolition of existing building) Cinch Self Storage	Arriva Vauxhall, Duddery Hill	It was proposed by Councillor A Luccarini, seconded by Councillor L Miller-Jones to continue to **OBJECT** to this application, with additional comments.
The Council's previous objections remain unchanged and continue to stand**.** Members remain concerned about the extent and visual impact of the perimeter fencing**,** particularly the way it brings the appearance of an industrial estate closer to neighbouring residential properties. The site previously operated as a car dealership without extensive perimeter fencing or gates, and this provided a natural buffer between the commercial/industrial uses and nearby residential properties. The proposed fencing would significantly reduce this buffer and					

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alter the relationship between the site and neighbouring properties. A sliding gate could be a more appropriate solution, avoiding the difficulties associated with the swing of the proposed gates and the available space at the entrance.					

List C– To be considered at the Committee Meeting

		NEW / RENEWAL/ VARIATION	PROPOSAL	LOCATION	TOWN COUNCIL DECISION
02/09/2026 Expires 30/09/2026	1	Variation	Licensable activities including off sales of alcohol	Queens Head, Queen Street	

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02/09/2026 Expires 30/09/2026	1	Variation	Licensable activities including off sales of alcohol	Queens Head, Queen Street	
The Town Clerk had circulated an email from the Licensing Authority confirming that the applicant was willing to accept the Police's suggested amendments to the proposed hours. Members were happy with the proposed opening hours as suggested by the Police but did not consider it appropriate for music to be played outside until the proposed closing times. As previously suggested, the licensed hours should be consistent for external music with other local public houses, such as The Bull. It was proposed by Councillor A Luccarini, seconded by Councillor M Martin, to **OBJECT** to the proposed hours for external music and request that they are consistent with those permitted for The Bull, but to agree with the proposed opening hours. **RESOLVED**					