

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM**

Committee members present:

Mr N Bennett – in the Chair
Mr S Hall
Mr A Osborne
Miss A Owen
Mr T Regester

Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk
Mrs J Budd – Deputy Town Clerk

1. **Substitutes and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs S Ayres, Ms J Carter and Mr T Cresswell.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors A Osborne and A Owen declared that they were Babergh District Councillors.

3. **Declarations of gifts and hospitality**

There were no declarations of gifts or hospitality.

4. **Requests for dispensation**

No requests for dispensation had been received.

5. **Minutes**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Planning Development and Highways Committee meeting held on the 11th April 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Actions from previous minutes**

The Deputy Town Clerk reviewed progress on actions from the previous meetings.

- Item 8 – Melford Road junction – Advised SCC of the council's comments. Officers were pleased to hear the views of the Town Council. We await what happens next.

RECOMMENDED

That the update be noted.

7. Planning Applications

DC/23/01678 **Proposal:** Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act – Variation of condition 2 (Retail Sales Restriction) of planning permission B/07/00145 dated: 26/03/2007 – Change of use from Class B2 (General Industry) to Class B1 (Office) and B8 (Warehouse).

Location: Unit 6a Addison Road, Chilton Industrial Estate, Sudbury. CO10 2YW.

RECOMMENDED – APPROVE.

DC/23/01783 **Proposal:** Full planning application – Erection of extension to gym.

Location: Everest Gym, Burkitts Lane, Sudbury. CO10 1HB.

RECOMMENDED – APPROVE.

8. Babergh & Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan modifications

Members discussed various modifications to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan. The modifications had been proposed by the Planning Inspectorate. The main concerns raised by members were related to sustainability.

RECOMMENDED

That Babergh District Council be advised that members were disappointed at the ‘watering down’ of specific requirements for sustainable and active travel, as well as general sustainability in housing design and the use of renewables. (Policy LP29/LP32).

9. Glasswells – North Street

The parking officer at Babergh District Council had asked for the views of the Town Council on a proposal to temporarily suspend the use of 4 or 5 parking bays in North Street car park, at the rear of Glasswells, for approximately 6 months. This space would be needed by the contractor undertaking work to convert the old Glasswells outlet on North Street into a smaller retail unit with flats above. There was no reasonable alternative site for the duration of the works.

RECOMMENDED

That the committee had no objection to the suspension of these bays.

10. Highways List

- a) Drake Road an email received from a resident was discussed. The way the road and garages were set up in Drake Road make it difficult to park in front of the garage doors, because if both sides did this emergency vehicles may not get through. Therefore, residents park parallel to their garage. This worked well until a vehicle from another property parked in front of the open space between the garages. This problem was exacerbated by the fact that people didn't like parking in the additional parking spaces at the end of the road as they were under large trees which attracted birds who tend to mess over the vehicles. The resident suggested that the most effective solution would

be to have allocated white lines to each property and the number of the space within the white line.

RECOMMENDED

That officers contact Babergh District Council advising them of the contents of the email and request that they investigate the parking layout of this road.

- b) Trial ANPR camera an email from Councillor Ms Carter was discussed. Members were advised that, with the Community Wardens’ help, two SID poles had been installed along Cats Lane and Newton Road, which have recorded some shocking speeds. Ms Carter had since been in touch with the local police who had deployed SDRs along both sites. Ms Carter would like to use both these sets of data (SDR & SID) to request from SCC that they use one of the ten ANPR trial cameras in both spots as a speed deterrent to drivers. The ANPR flashes the drivers number plate when they are caught speeding. This request needed to come from the Town Clerk.

RECOMMENDED

That members supported the proposed ANPR trial, however Springlands Way should also be included.

- c) Other matters:

- Collapsed drain in East Street near to the Weavers Cottages adjacent to Elizabeth Court.
- Blocked drain at the bottom of Acton Lane.
- Pothole within Girling Street car park.

RECOMMENDED

That officers report these issues.

That an update be given at the next meeting on previously reported issues.

The meeting closed at 7.26 pm

Signed