

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON 4TH DECEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett - in the chair.
Mr S Hall
Mr A Osborne
Mr T Regester
Mr N Younger

Officers in attendance: Mr C Griffin - Town Clerk
Mrs J Budd - Deputy Town Clerk

1. **Substitutes and Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ms Carter, Miss Owen and Mr Stohr.

Councillor Mr Regester was substitute for Councillor Ms Carter.

Councillor Ms J Rawlinson was absent, but no apologies had been received.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors A Osborne and T Regester 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 previous meeting held on the 20th November 2023 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **Actions from previous minutes**

The Town Clerk gave the following updates:

- Planting of trees – An email had been received from Suffolk County Council stating that they did not have sufficient funding to replace the trees in York Road.
- The hedge on the junction of Newmans Road and East Street had been cut back.
- Betfred had been instructed to turn off their illuminated sign by Babergh District Council Enforcement Officer.

RESOLVED

That the updates be noted.

7. **Planning Applications**

DC/23/05384 Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent – Re-decoration of shopfront with “DIRECT PIZZA”, “Direct Pizza logo”, “Welcome” and “always fresh and direct to your door” on navy blue board with dark yellow and red shadow lettering.

Location: 41 North Street, Sudbury, Suffolk. CO10 1RD.

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/23/05403 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area – Fell no.10 Sycamores (G1) due to potential structural damage.

Location: Tyne House. 26 Church Street, Sudbury.

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/23/05485 Proposal: Application for works to trees subject to Tree Preservation Order (BT363/T3) – Proposal to cut down 18m Pine Tree (T1).

Location: 138 Clermont Avenue, Sudbury. CO10 1AE

RESOLVED – To recommend refusal on the grounds stated by our Tree Warden:

“This whole estate was once an area of fields and beautiful trees of which this is one. Beautiful and grand enough to be given a TPO, I presume before building began in the late 90’s. I fail to see the point of TPO’s when the applicant, and people in other properties would like them felled because they are too big for the garden, or dropping cones, spreading branches and are crossing boundaries into other gardens. The applicant should have been aware when purchasing the property that the property had a TPO tree in it which would have been established and quite a height at the time.”

8. **Planting of trees**

Although Councillor Mrs Barrett was not able to attend the meeting, the Chairman had spoken to her to establish where she would like to see new trees. The location was from the East Street junction with Girling Street down to Chartwell Car Dealer on the east side. Councillor Mrs Barrett would like to see some trees planted on this grass verge.

RESOLVED

That officers establish ownership of this land before discussing this matter further. (NB: Babergh District Council maintain this grass verge)

9. **Babergh District Council Local Plan 2018 – 2037**

An email had been received from Babergh District Council advising members that the Joint Local plan with Mid Suffolk (Part 1 – 2018-2037), had been formally adopted.

RESOLVED

That the adoption of the Joint Local Plan – Part 1 be noted.

10. Traffic Regulation Order – Chaucer Road/Clermont Avenue

An email had been received from Suffolk County Council advising that the Traffic Regulation Order for Chaucer Road and Clermont Avenue had been readvertised (following amendments to the road names). Members were requested to support this scheme.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council support the prosed Traffic Regulation Order for Chaucer Road and Clermont Avenue.

11. Highways list

The following items to be added:

- A blocked drain opposite 102 to 104 Melford Road had been reported again after being marked as completed.
- The footbridge near Catesby Meadow desperately needed repair. Request Suffolk County Councillor Jessie Carter to look into this.
- Following a discussion with the developers, the streetlights along the new development in Bulmer Road should be turned on in February.
- There was a Talbot Trail post shown in the Google Street View of the junction of Friars Street and Church Street. If the proposed development went ahead, it was likely that this post would need to be moved.

The meeting closed at 7.09pm

Signed
Chairman