

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett - in the chair

Ms J Carter
Mr T Cresswell
Mr S Hall
Mr A Osborne
Miss A Owen
Mr T Register

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

1. **Substitutes and Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs S Ayres.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors T Cresswell, A Osborne and A Owen declared that they were Babergh District Councillors. Councillor J Carter declared that she was a Suffolk County Councillor.

Councillor N Bennett declared an ‘other registerable interest’ in relation to planning application DC/23/01303 and would leave the room during the discussion.

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 13th March 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. There were two items requiring actions. A copy of the actions is shown at minute page 153a.

RECOMMENDED

That the update be noted.

7. **Planning Applications**

DC/22/01014 **Proposal:** Householder Application – Construction of drive and dropped kerb.
Location: 76 Melford Road, Sudbury. CO10 1JX.

RECOMMENDED – To noted Suffolk County Council’s holding objection. Sudbury Town Council will consider making a comment once the applicant has resubmitted a design that addresses the Highways concerns.

DC/22/01251 **Proposal:** Application for Listed Building Consent – Conversion of Cellar to form additional salon space together with internal alterations at ground and first floor level as well as replacement of existing external staircase.
Location: 3 North Street, Sudbury. CO10 1RB.

RECOMMENDED – Approve.

7.25pm Councillor Bennett left the meeting. Councillor Hall took over as the Chair.

DC/23/001303 **Proposal:** Householder application – Erection of single storey side extension.
Location: 5 Lark Rise, Sudbury. CO10 7PB.

RECOMMENDED – Approve.

7.30pm Councillor Bennett returned to the meeting and resumed as the Chair.

DC/23/01320 **Proposal:** Householder application – Erection of single storey rear and two storey side extensions, new configurations of windows and doors and house wrapped in insulation and rendered full height from damp proof course upwards.
Location: 1 Raleigh Road, Sudbury. CO10 1YE

RECOMMENDED – Approve.

8. **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Modifications**

Members were requested to comment on the modifications relating to the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan.

Councillor Mr Osborne informed members that these modifications had been raised by the Planning Inspector.

The Chairman stated that comments could only be made on the modifications.

RECOMMENDED

That officers enquire whether the Town Centre boundary line had been modified or had Belle Vue Park never been included within the town centre.

That members review and comment on the modifications at the next meeting.

9. **Station Road Railings**

The Town Centre manager had been engaging with various groups in Sudbury to gauge support for the restoration or removal of the dilapidated railings between Station Road and Roy’s car park. These railings are clearly visible to everyone arriving in Sudbury by train and so it would be helpful if they contributed to creating a welcoming atmosphere at one of the main gateways into the Town.

The Town Clerk advised that these railings did not belong to the town council, but to Babergh District Council. Members of the Sudbury Society had expressed strong interest in maintaining this link to the Victorian railway station and recommended further discussions with all relevant parties.

10. **Highways List**

Members discussed the following items –

- Members discussed a letter from a resident about disabled parking, School Lane and Wardens. A majority of the items raised in the letter did not fall under the Town Council’s remit.
RECOMMENDED – That officers reply to the resident’s letter, giving advice on how to contact the appropriate council that could address her concerns.
- Members discussed an email from a resident about parking in Beaconsfield Road/Close and whether parking on the Croft should be time restricted. The resident advised that during school hours, parents blocked driveways and parked wherever they like.
Councillor Ms Carter advised that she had visited the site with a highways engineer and was looking into a residents’ parking scheme with West Suffolk Council.
**RECOMMENDED – That officers write to the school requesting they send a reminder to the parent to park considerably when dropping off or collecting children.
That the Enforcement Officers be asked to visit this area especially at the beginning and end of school.**
- The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the double yellow lines at the bottom of Priory Road had been extended further up away from the junction.
- Councillor Mr Regester requested that officers investigate whether restrictions in parking bays outside 75-77 and 83 Melford Road can have the current commercial restrictions changed as these properties are now all residential.
RECOMMENDED – Officers will investigate this request.

The remainder of the list be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed

