

**SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett - in the chair.  
Ms J Carter  
Mr S Hall  
Ms E Murphy  
Mr A Stohr  
Mr N Younger

Officers in attendance: Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Miss A Owen and Mr A Osborne. Councillor Murphy was the substitute for Councillor Rawlinson.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ms J Carter declared that she was a Babergh District Councillor.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.**

6. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The actions from the previous meeting related to reporting problems with the highways and the Town Clerk proposed that these be covered under item 9.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

As about 14 members of the public had attended due to their interest in the application to convert the snooker club into flats, the committee decided to consider this application first.

DC/24/02534 **Proposal:** Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (use Class E) to Dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development). (England) Order 2015 (as amended) – Schedule 2, Part 3, Class MA – Change of use to form 4 No dwellings.

**Location:** Sudbury Snooker Club, 52 North Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1RE

**RESOLVED – To recommend not to give prior approval and that a full planning application should be required on the following grounds:**

- **Closure of the snooker club would mean the loss of a valuable community asset which provides an affordable venue for many local community groups.**
- **Closure of the snooker club would mean the loss of employment in the town centre.**
- **The proposed parking for residents of the new flats would be inadequate and detrimental to the current businesses on the ground floor who use this space for unloading business supplies.**
- **The fire risk to residents in first floor flats without a fire escape would need to be properly assessed.**

DC/24/020305 **Proposal:** Application for Listed Building Consent – Replacement of side door, Replacement of roof covering including new rooflights and associated alterations as detailed in the Heritage Statement.

**Location:** 72 North Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1RF

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval.**

DC/24/02031 **Proposal:** Planning Application – Replacement of side door, Replacement of roof covering including new rooflights and associated alterations as detailed in the Heritage Statement.

**Location:** 72 North Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1RF

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval.**

DC/24/02243 **Proposal:** Planning Application. Construction of car park extension following engineering works to adjacent ditch.

**Location:** Sudbury Bowls Club, Quay Lane, Sudbury, CO10 2AN

**RESOLVED – To recommend approval so long as the drain in the ditch remains open with the same capacity.**

**DEVELOPMENT**

**8. TO DISCUSS BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILS – GYPSY AND TRAVELLER AND TRAVELLING SHOW PEOPLE CALL FOR SITES 2024**

Members discussed the call for sites from Babergh District Council and emphasised that, at this time, no specific sites were under consideration. The Town Council were being asked to propose a suitable site for consideration in the future.

**RESOLVED – That Members supported the need for a gypsy and traveller and travelling show people site in the Sudbury area and believe that the proposed employment areas identified in the Chilton Woods land use parameter plan offered the most suitable locations.**

**HIGHWAYS**

**9. TO DISCUSS THE HIGHWAYS LIST**

No new items had been added to the highways list prior to the meeting but a members raised the following points;

- Great Eastern Road outside Roys – There were worn road markings which had been reported and were shown with a red marker on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool.
- Melford Road near the junction with York Road – There were three potholes that posed a danger to cyclists as the top layer of the tarmac had gone and the next layer was failing. The Town Clerk reported these during the meeting as reference number 00477142 on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool.
- Hamilton Road Bus Station – There were 4 potholes which had already been reported on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool.
- Meadow Lane before joining Nonsuch Meadow – There were 3 deep potholes in the middle of the highway. The Town Clerk reported these during the meeting as reference number 00477143 on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool.

The meeting closed at 7:47pm

Signed .....  
Chairman



