

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2026 COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett – the chair
Mr S Hall (6.08pm)
Mr A Osborne
Mrs J Osborne
Mr T Regester
Mr A Stohr (6.03pm)
Mr N Younger

Officers in attendance: Mrs C Morgan – Deputy Town Clerk

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from councillor Ms J Carter with Councillor Mrs J Osborne as substitute.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mr T Regester declared that he is a Babergh District Councillor. Councillor Mr. N Younger declared an interest in a matter to be raised in Highways.

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 27th July 2026 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The significant traffic congestion caused by recent utility works on Great Eastern Road was raised. It was noted that the Community Wardens had reported the initial gridlock to Suffolk County Council and that additional traffic management measures had subsequently been implemented for the second set of road works. Improvements had been made but travel times were still being considerably impacted.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- DC/26/03198 **Proposal:** Planning Application – Erection of single storey & first floor rear extensions
Location: 35 New Street Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1JB
RESOLVED – To recommend approval.
- DC/26/03268 **Proposal:** Planning Application – Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area – reduce maple by 2 metres as too high for garden cut back overhanging branches to boundary of neighbour
Location: The End Cottage 7 Bulmer Road Sudbury Suffolk CO10 1DE
RESOLVED – To recommend approval.
- DC/26/03304 **Proposal:** Planning Application – Replacement door
Location: 37B New Street Sudbury CO10 1JB
RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DEVELOPMENT**8. NO DEVELOPMENT ITEMS****HIGHWAYS****9. TO DISCUSS THE HIGHWAYS LIST**

Members discussed the following points:

- **Trade Parking.** Councillor N. Younger raised concerns regarding the difficulties experienced by tradespeople when parking work vehicles in Sudbury whilst attending jobs. It was noted that suitable parking spaces can be difficult to locate without the risk of receiving a parking penalty.

West Suffolk Council had advised that permits could be applied for; however, applications were required approximately three weeks in advance, making this arrangement unsuitable for unplanned or emergency work. Further research had identified that Trade Permit Licences to Park are available online in Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds, although no equivalent provision for Sudbury had been identified.

RESOLVED:

To contact Babergh District Council to establish what options may be available for Trade Permit Licences to Park in council car parks, to contact Suffolk County Council regarding potential options for on-street parking and West Suffolk County Council who manage town centre parking.

- For information, Members noted that the temporary pedestrian crossings installed on Friar Street, between the Library and Oxfam, had worked extremely well. It was noted that, where

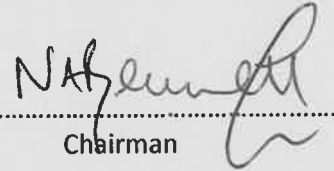
roadworks restrict access to dropped curbs, consideration would be given to providing additional temporary pedestrian crossings.

- **Obscured Signage and Vegetation on Ballingdon Hill.** Members reported that the Welcome to Suffolk sign was completely obscured by vegetation. It was further noted that vegetation was encroaching onto the highway and that detritus had accumulated on the road, both of which required attention and clearance.

The meeting closed at 6.28pm.

Signed

Chairman

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