

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON 25th MARCH 2024 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett - in the chair.
Ms J Carter
Mr S Hall
Mr A Osborne
Mrs J Osborne - ex-officio
Miss A Owen
Mr A Stohr
Mr N Younger

Officers in attendance: Mr C Griffin - Town Clerk

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

No apologies had been received and there were no substitutes.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ms J Carter, Mr A Osborne and Miss A Owen declared that they were Babergh District Councillors.

Councillor Ms J Carter declared that she was a Suffolk County Councillor.

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 11th March 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Town Clerk covered the following points:

- Road Names – Chilton Parish Council had proposed Hodgkin Road as the name for the new road that the community heat hub is situated on in the Chilton Woods development in Chilton Parish. This would commemorate Dorothy Hodgkin who won a Nobel prize back in 1964. She has no known connection with Sudbury or Chilton but studied at Sir John Leman School in Beccles. Members were content that the name chosen by Chilton Parish Council should be used as this road was in their parish.

- The traffic regulation order to implement the waiting restrictions on Chaucer Road/Clermont Avenue, Sudbury, had now been approved by the Babergh Cabinet Member and the Head of Transport Strategy. The scheme drawing was now available and the construction estimate was £1,337.29. Members noted that Cllr J Carter intended that this cost would be met from her county council highways budget and that she would confirm this.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/24/01182 **Proposal:** Householder Application – Installation of new boiler flue

Location: 43 Station Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2SS

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/24/01294 **Proposal:** Full Planning Application – Removal of existing Radon Gas ductwork system and replace with new ductwork system and installation of new ventilation grille.

Location: 32 Market Hill, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2EN

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/24/01295 **Proposal:** Application for Listed Building Consent – Removal of existing Radon Gas ductwork system and replace with new ductwork system and installation of new ventilation grille.

Location: 32 Market Hill, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2EN

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DEVELOPMENT

8. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING DEDHAM VALE NATIONAL LANDSCAPE AND STOUR VALLEY PROJECT

The members considered the letter that had been received from the Chairman of the Dedham Vale National Landscape and Stour Valley Partnership asking all parish and town councils to give financial support in the coming financial year.

RESOLVED

That a response should be sent to the Dedham Vale National Landscape and Stour Valley Partnership suggesting that they make an application for a grant which would be considered by the Finance Committee in the 2024 allocation.

9. TO CONSIDER COMMENTING ON THE STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The members considered commenting on the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED

That the Steeple Bumpstead Neighbourhood Plan be noted.

10. Highways List

The members considered a request for a residents' parking scheme on Queens Road. Suffolk Highways, as the highways authority, usually only consider residents' parking schemes that cover a significant area rather than a single road due to the effects at the edge of the scheme area. In this case it might be appropriate to consider a group of about 8 streets in the Queen's Road area. Members also noted that this was an individual request from one resident and that evidence of much wider demand would be required. The best way forward would be for the Town Council to adopt a clear policy on the type of residential parking scheme that it would consider supporting.

RESOLVED

That the full council be requested to adopt the following policy on support for residential parking schemes:

- **The area for the scheme would need to be of sufficient size and clearly defined.**
- **That the residents understood that they would need to pay about £100 per vehicle every year if they were part of the scheme.**
- **That a parking permit would not guarantee them a parking place near their home or anywhere else.**
- **That more than two thirds of the residents of the area had given their written support to the proposed scheme.**
- **That Sudbury Town Council were not responsible for residents' parking schemes and were only in a position to consider offering support.**

The members considered the response from Suffolk Highways to problem report number 00455972 that Upper East Street drains on roadside gutters had been cleared of debris but the clearance team had left quite a lot of the material on the road. People had reported that this was leading to more blockages as the heavy rain flushed the debris back down the drain and it caused more local floods. Suffolk Highways stated that they would not be taking any action on this issue as it fell within the responsibilities of Babergh District Council and they were therefore unable to assist further.

RESOLVED

That members were disappointed that there was no effective co-ordination between the county and district councils over their responsibilities for the highways. In this case, a district council cleaning team would have needed to be scheduled to come to clean the road immediately after the county council team had cleared out the drain.

That all the county and district councillors representing Sudbury be asked to raise this issue with their officers.

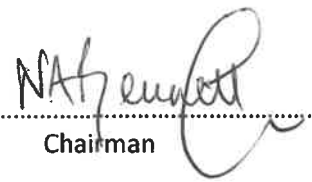
The members were also concerned with the state of the drains in the following areas.

- East Street at the northeastern end of the taxi rank between Holmes & Hills and Pizza Town. (After meeting note: The Suffolk Highways reporting tool shows this has been reported as reference 462686 on 21 March 2024 and was closed on 25 March 2024 as it will be assessed at the next routine inspection)
- East Street at the stop line before the traffic lights outside the Weavers Tap. (After meeting note: Reported on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool on 27 March 2024 reference 00463714)
- Gainsborough Street outside the Christopher Centre. (After meeting note: Reported on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool on 27 March 2024 reference 00463718)

Fully blocked drains are not being properly dug out so they re-block very quickly after being checked by the highways staff.

The meeting closed at 7:20pm

Signed



Chairman