

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL ON 12TH AUGUST 2024 COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM**

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

Officers in attendance: Mr C Griffin – Town Clerk

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillor Ms J Carter. Cllr T Regester was the substitute for Cllr Carter.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Mr A Osborne, Miss A Owen and Mr 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 29th July 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

6. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Town Clerk  confirmed that there were no outstanding actions from the previous meeting.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

DC/24/03315 **Proposal:** Householder Application – Erection of single-story rear extension including Juliette balcony
Location: 17 St Bartholomews Lane, Sudbury, Suffolk, Co10 1LG

RESOLVED – To recommend approval.

DC/24/03415 **Proposal:** Householder Application – Conversion of part of garage to provide additional living accommodation, construction of pitched roof over and extending to raise flat roof including single story rear extension and cladding to dormers
Location: 6 Canterbury Road, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 1LJ

RESOLVED – To recommend approval, but also to ask the planning officer if sound proofing is required for a music room.

8. **TO DISCUSS AN EMAIL FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNED ABOUT AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING THAT HAS BEEN ERECTED ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE STOUR**

A member of the public had emailed the Council expressing concern over the new agricultural building that had been erected on the far side of the River Stour and was clearly visible from Friars Meadow. This had been granted planning permission in 2022 although the Town Council had recommended refusal. The application had claimed that the 'The building cannot be seen from public places' and that the site could not 'be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land'. Now that the building had been erected, it was very clearly visible from Friars Meadow and the resident considered that it was an eyesore.

RESOLVED

To ask the Babergh District Council planning inspector to confirm that the conditions in this application in regard to screening the building with trees had been met.

DEVELOPMENT

9. **TO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION BY SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL FOR CIL EXPENDITURE OF UP TO £20,275 TO IMPROVE FOOTPATH 029 WHICH CONNECTS TO THE KONE VALLEY PATH**

The Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way Team had submitted a bid to Babergh District Council for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to improve the footpath.

RESOLVED

To support the application by Suffolk County Council for CIL expenditure of up to £20,275 to improve footpath 029 which connects to the Kone Valley path.

10. TO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION BY BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR CIL EXPENDITURE OF UP TO £57,513.37 TO PROVIDE TWO DISABLED PARKING BAYS AND SURFACE LINK AND REVISED FOUNDATION DESIGN TO BELLE VUE PARK, TOILETS/CHANGING PLACES FACILITY.

The Babergh District Council Capital Projects Officer had submitted a bid to Babergh District Council for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding to provide disabled access to Belle Vue Park, proposed café, toilets, and changing places facility via the creation of two disabled parking bays and new level paving.

RESOLVED

To support the application by Babergh District Council for CIL expenditure of up to £57,513.37 to provide two disabled parking bays and surface link and revised foundation design to Belle Vue Park, toilets/changing places facility.

HIGHWAYS

11. TO DISCUSS THE HIGHWAYS LIST

No new items had been raised under the highways list.

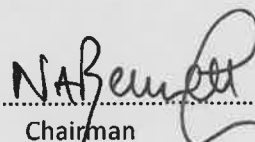
The Town Clerk updated Members on the following;

- Cllr J Carter had sent in an updated on the HGV / Lorry signage. The road space for the sites on East Street and Girling Street had been booked for Monday 19th August – Wednesday 21st August (evening works).
- The air conditioning unit on Kings House, Kings Street, Borehamgate Shopping Precinct, Sudbury, CO10 2ED would be removed and a new unit of similar size and colour installed.
- Suffolk Highways had acknowledged the report that the drain in Waldingfield Road was completely blocked with silt and grass was growing out of it (Ref 00481386) and they confirmed that work had been ordered to address this.
- Suffolk Highways had acknowledged the report that the hedge on the east side of Ballingdon Hill was growing out into the highway (Ref 00481387) and an inspection of the location would be done in the next 2 weeks.

Members raised the following concerns;

- There were nettles overhanging the footpath on Melford Road between the entrance to the meadows near Mulburry Vets and the entrance to Brundon Lane. This has been reported on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool as reference 485583.
- Some areas of grass near Clermont Avenue had not been cut back and it was believed that the next cut by Babergh District Council public realm team would not be until September.
- The foot path between Girling Street and Newmans Road was overgrown and there was an environmental health problem caused by vermin living in a vacant property.
- There old pothole on King Street (A131) outside Leaders had re-appeared.

The meeting closed at 7:26pm

Signed 
Chairman

