

PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held via ZOOM on **THURSDAY 10th September 2020 at 7.30pm**

Councillors: Freeman, Gadd, Hawke-Smith, McLellan and Roberts

Officers: Chloë Fiddy

Members of the public: None

P & RT 264-19	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Asker, De Vries and Porch.</p> <p>By pre-arrangement Deputy Chair Cllr McLellan took the Chair.</p>
P & RT 265-19	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Freeman declared a general non-pecuniary interest as member of Uttlesford District Council.</p>
P & RT 266-19	<p>Public speaking time</p> <p>No members of the public attended</p>
P & RT 267-19	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.</p>
HIGHWAYS	
P & RT 268-19	<p>Surfaces around trees on High Street</p> <p>Committee considered the surfaces around trees on High Street in light of suggestions and comments from UDC Tree Officer, which were to the effect that the only long-term solution would be to remove the trees and start again with new trees. No short-term solution was proposed by the UDC tree officer.</p> <p>Discounting this option, Committee considered the options proposed by the London Tree Officers Association, the key considerations being: aged cherished trees, preference for a porous surface, high level of foot traffic around them, slope of high street and flow of water in heavy rain events.</p> <p><i>Options are:</i></p> <p><i>Resin bound gravel:</i> porous to air and water, medium 'give', suitable for established trees and highly tolerant of foot traffic;</p> <p><i>Self-binding gravel:</i> medium porosity, high level of 'give', suitable for established trees, medium tolerance to foot traffic;</p> <p><i>Grilles:</i> trees and roots too large to install grilles at this stage in their life;</p>

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	<p><i>Soil or Mulch (organic or inorganic)</i>: highly porous, high level of 'give', suitable for established trees, low tolerance to foot traffic, liable to wash away in heavy rainfall and with general use;</p> <p><i>Recycled resin bound rubber crumb</i>: highly porous, high level of 'give', suitable for established trees, high tolerance to foot traffic.</p> <p><i>Asphalt</i> – no porosity, no 'give', suitable for established trees, high tolerance to foot traffic.</p> <p>It was Resolved that given the age of the trees, the preference for a porous surface, the high level of foot traffic around them, the fact that the High Street is on a slope, and is susceptible to strong water flows in heavy downpours, to request ECC to install recycled resin bound rubber crumb around the trees on the High Street, so as to smooth to some extent the uneven surface created by the tree roots raising individual paving slabs.</p>
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
P & RT 269-19	Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:
A	<p>New premises application for an off-licence specialising in craft beer, wine, gin and coffee at 8 Rose and Crown Walk, Saffron Walden, CB10 1JH.</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
B	<p>UTT/20/2094/HHF Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension 37 St Johns Close Saffron Walden CB11 4AR</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
C	<p>UTT/20/2081/HHF Removal of existing summerhouse and replacement with new summerhouse. Vine Cottage 6A Common Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1JG</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
D	<p>UTT/20/2038/LB Replacement of the existing roof covering with slate roof tiles The Old Waggon And Horses 39 - 41 East Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1LS</p> <p>Resolved: No objections subject to approval by Conservation Officer</p>
E	<p>UTT/20/2037/OP Outline application ,with all matters reserved except for access, for the demotion of garage and erection of 1 no. dwelling 12 Springhill Road Saffron Walden CB11 4AH</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
F	<p>UTT/20/1762/LB Replacement of front and rear doors with flood resilient doors and replacement of cellar window with flood resilient window 9 Debden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4AA</p>

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	Resolved: Not to comment as beyond expertise of committee
G	<p>UTT/20/2177/HHF Proposed single storey rear extension, infill of existing ground floor side covered corridor and new half garage/storage with associated front garage style doors 21 Gibson Close Saffron Walden CB10 1AJ</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
H	<p>UTT/20/2137/FUL Change of use of both units to Class B8 (Storage and Distribution). Units 1 & 2 Medina Business Centre Shire Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3AQ</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
I	<p>UTT/20/2098/FUL Repair work to parapet walls by removing and replacing the damaged brickwork using a lime mortar Farmadine House Farmadine Saffron Walden CB11 3HS</p> <p>UTT/20/2099/LB Repair work to parapet walls by removing and replacing the damaged brickwork using a lime mortar Farmadine House Farmadine Saffron Walden CB11 3HS</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
J	<p>UTT/20/2027/FUL Erection of 2 no. detached garages to serve the 2 no. detached dwellings approved under planning permission UTT/19/0112/FUL 29 Summerhill Road Saffron Walden CB11 4AJ</p> <p>Resolved: to object, on grounds that the proposals are overbearing on the overall street scene, that the proposals do not respect the existing building line (by being so close to the road) and that building so close to the corner could have an impact on visibility for pedestrians. Also to express concerns about potential reduction in parking spaces.</p>
P & RT 270-19	<p>Update on ongoing significant applications</p> <p>The officer noted that there are no updates to give on the major applications ongoing in Saffron Walden, except to say that consideration of the Printpak site will be an agenda item at the following meeting.</p>
P & RT 271-19	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>The officer was requested to ask ECC Highways Rangers to cut back vegetation hanging over the footways outside Friends School and along Debden Road.</p>
P & RT 272-19	<p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 24th September 2020, by ZOOM at 7.30pm</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm