

**PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE****SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall on **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm**

**Councillors:** Cllrs Gadd, Gregory, Hawke-Smith, McLellan, Roberts.

**Officers:** Georgia Arnold, Committee Clerk

**Members of the public:** None

P&T 115-22	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs de Vries and Freeman</p>
P&T 116-22	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council (ECC).</p> <p>Cllr Gregory declared a generic non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 6, Uttlesford's Car Parking Review, as the officer report refers to Common Hill West and knows some residents.</p>
P&T 117-22	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting 26.05.2022 were approved.</p>
P&T 118-22	<p><b>Public speaking time</b></p> <p>There were no public speakers.</p>
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>	
P&T 119-22	<p>Cllr Gadd provided a written update which was noted by committee.</p> <p>It was noted that the High Street remedial works are scheduled for this week and there is still confusion regarding how long-term maintenance should be scheduled between UDC and ECC, which SWTC are trying to support and resolve.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd explained that ECC are running a member led pothole repair scheme which allows him to put forward 18 defects across the district. Committee discussed that the Mount Pleasant area and the Sparrows Hill Roundabout is particularly poor and should be put forward.</p>

P&T 120-22	<p><b>Uttlesford Car Parking Review</b></p> <p>The Committee Clerk explained that UDC have outsourced the district wide car parking review to a company called Parking Matters. A draft response detailing areas to include was attached to the agenda and noted by committee.</p> <p>Committee agreed that the following areas (per the officer's report attached to the agenda) should be included in a SWTC response to the consultation: Common Hill West, Hill Street, Market Street/Hill Street, Swan Meadow car park and the SWTC road closure consultation reports.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the following factors should be put forward to the consultation within the SWTC response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sliding scale of parking permits, based on vehicle emission, as discussed previously.</li> <li>• There is limited scope for any additional residents parking in the area. An option could be shared permit and short stay parking bays along roads. For example, one side designated for resident permit spaces only and the other side being shared with resident permit spaces and short stay pay and display spaces. Therefore, when residents are out the car parking spaces could be used by visitors.</li> </ul>
<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
P&T 121-22	<p><b>Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:</b></p> <p>All applications were considered against the UDC Local Plan policies dated 2005.</p>
A	<p><a href="#">UTT/22/1418/HHF</a>   1.5 storey side extension, internal alterations, new gated pedestrian access and associated hard and soft landscaping   1 Farmadine Grove Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3DR</p> <p><b>Resolved: SWTC continue to object to the application as there will be an impact on car parking, which does not comply with policies GEN1 and GEN8.</b></p>
B	<p><a href="#">UTT/22/1375/HHF</a>   Proposed two storey side extension and internal alterations.   Keymer 16 Gibson Close Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1AJ</p> <p><b>Resolved: SWTC object to the application due to the overbearing design, particularly affecting neighbours, which does not comply with policies GEN2 and GEN4.</b></p>
C	<p><a href="#">UTT/22/1338/LB</a>   Proposed works to front elevation of building including repointing of brickwork with lime mortar and replace damaged bricks, replacement of 2 no. windows with wooden box frames and sash. Inset frame by one brick course and finish with white paint. Installation of 2 no. windowsills and paint white. Replacement of plastic air vent with black cast iron cowl. Works to side elevation including repointing cement repair with lime mortar, removal of cement render from chamfered corner and replacement of spalled or damaged bricks.   72 Castle Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BJ</p> <p><b>Resolved: No objections</b></p>

D	<a href="#">UTT/22/1506/HHF</a>   Proposed garden shed   74A Little Walden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2DW <b>Resolved: No objections</b>
E	<a href="#">UTT/22/1505/CLP</a>   Partial garage conversion to form Utility Room   74A Little Walden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2DW <b>Resolved: No objections</b>
F	<a href="#">UTT/22/1315/HHF</a>   Proposed loft conversion including velux skylights.   5 Old School Yard Debden Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4EN <b>Resolved: No comment as insufficient documentation and information has been provided.</b>
P&T 122-22	<p><b>Uttlesford Local Plan update</b></p> <p>Committee noted the following update provided from UDC regarding the Local Plan timetable:</p> <p><i>Following a request by members of the Cabinet, the chief executive of Uttlesford District Council has agreed more time will be given for members to consider the sites and evidence base ahead of publishing the draft Local Plan for public consultation.</i></p> <p><i>The government last week also published the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill which will have an impact on the emerging local plan, and better understanding its implications prior to publication will be beneficial.</i></p> <p><i>Publishing the first draft of the plan – known as the Regulation 18 “Preferred Options” Local Plan – is a critical milestone and the council wants to ensure it gets this stage right in order to produce the best plan possible for the district.</i></p> <p><i>The Local Plan Leadership Group (18 May), Cabinet (7 June) and Full Council (15 June) meetings will therefore be moved to accommodate the additional time required – new dates will be confirmed shortly.</i></p> <p><i>The council still intends to publish the draft local public for public consultation in the summer.</i></p>
P&T 123-22	<p><b>Update on ongoing significant applications</b></p> <p>The Committee Clerk provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Auton Croft application 3354/FUL has been withdrawn.</li> <li>- Rosconn application 2509/OP have appealed and a case management conference with the planning inspector will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June and the Town Clerk will be attending. The appeal hearing will take place in September and further details will be shared once available.</li> </ul>
P&T 124-22	<b>Urgent Information Items</b> - No urgent information updates were provided.
P&T 125-22	<b>Date and time of Next Meeting</b> - Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022, in the Town Hall Saffron Walden at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Signed as a true and accurate record .....

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