

**PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

**SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the **Town Hall**, Saffron Walden on **THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Councillors:** Cllrs Curtis, Eke, Freeman, Gadd, Hawke-Smith (Chair) and McLellan.

**Officers:** Georgia Arnold, Committee Clerk

**Members of the public:** Two residents of Bridge Street, Saffron Walden

<p>P&amp;T 341-23</p>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Asker and Meloy.</p>
<p>P&amp;T 342-23</p>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Cllrs Freeman declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Uttlesford District Council (UDC) and Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council (ECC).</p> <p>Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest for planning applications agenda items D <u>UTT/23/1420/LB</u> and F <u>UTT/23/0892/FUL</u></p> <p>Cllr Hawke-Smith declared a generic non-pecuniary interest for planning application agenda items D <u>UTT/23/1420/LB</u></p>
<p>P&amp;T 343-23</p>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting 08.06.2023</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.</p>
<p>P&amp;T 344-23</p>	<p><b>Public speaking time</b></p> <p>Two residents of Bridge Street, Saffron Walden presented to committee outlining their increasing concern for the traffic speeds along Windmill Hill Saffron Walden. It was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drivers regularly neglect the speed limit, frequently speeding up the hill leaving Saffron Walden and likewise drivers do not slow down coming down the hill into Saffron Walden.</li> <li>• When driving into town / down Windmill Hill the speed camera sign is on the right, being the wrong side of the road.</li> <li>• The residents have experienced numerous occasions where vehicles have crashed due to speeding. These have not been formally reported to Highways or the Police but they do have photos of the incidents.</li> <li>• The speeding makes it very difficult to cross the road safely.</li> <li>• Residents proposed traffic calming measures could include speeding checks, speed cameras and/or perhaps a roundabout.</li> </ul>

Signed as a true and accurate record .....  
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P&T 345-23	<b>Committee brought forward agenda item 6, traffic speeds Bridge Street</b>
P&T 346-23	<p><b>Traffic Speeds – Bridge Street Saffron Walden</b></p> <p>Committee thanked the residents for their time and noted a petition has received over 170 responses seeking traffic calming measures at this road to improve safety. The residents were encouraged to report all accidents to the police at the time of the event for an evidence base.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd as the Essex County Councillor for Saffron Walden explained road infrastructure requests would be processed via the Local Highway Panel scheme which is a very slow process with ongoing delays in delivery of schemes dated 2021.</p> <p>Committee sympathised with the residents noting SWTC is campaigning for reduced speed limits and most recently the town centre was reduced to 20mph.</p> <p>The committee clerk noted PC McNamara has been contacted and will try and arrange for more speeding checks to take place in Saffron Walden including Windmill Hill.</p> <p>Committee resolved to look into the permanent speed camera options (speed checks and /or cameras) in liaison with Essex Highways. Committee thanked the residents who then left the meeting.</p>
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>	
P&T 347-23	There were no highways matters for consideration
<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
P&T 348-23	<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 and the Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
A	<p><u>UTT/23/1476/OHL</u>   Notice under Electricity Act 1989 -Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England and Wales) Regulations 2009.   Land North Of Shire Hill Farm Shire Hill Saffron Walden Essex</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No Comment</p>
B	<p><u>UTT/23/1435/CLP</u>   Convert window to external door   19 Campling Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2PT</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> UDC already determined no need to reply</p>
C	<p><u>UTT/23/1427/HHF</u>   Single storey side and first floor front extensions. Flat roof to rear of existing garage   1 Morris Harp Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2EE</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No objections</p>

D	<p><u>UTT/23/1420/LB</u>   Proposed solar panels on garage roof.   3 Chaters Hill Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2AB</p> <p>Cllrs Hawke-Smith and Gadd declared generic non-pecuniary interests as the applicant is known to them.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No objections</p>
E	<p><u>UTT/23/1316/HHF</u>   Erection of two storey rear extension and internal modifications   1 Saxon Way Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4EQ</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Committee raised concern with the limited car parking availability which must meet GEN8.</p>
F	<p><u>UTT/23/0892/FUL</u>   Demolition of existing arcade. Residential development of 3 no. dwellings   1-6 Lime Tree Court Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1HG</p> <p>Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as the neighbouring property owner is known to him.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Committee had serious concern with the application which referred to vehicular access being available from Church Street through to King Street, which is not the case. The turning circle for vehicles within the site is very limited and therefore a concern to ensure there is appropriate access which must comply with GEN1 and GEN2.</p>
G	<p><u>UTT/23/1492/HHF</u>   Erection of Garden Studio   76A High Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1EE</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No objections</p>
P&T 349-23	<p><b>Update on ongoing significant applications</b></p> <p>Committee noted the written update attached to the agenda, detailing the progress of significant applications.</p>
P&T 350-23	<p><b>Urgent Information Items</b></p> <p>No urgent information items were raised.</p>
P&T 351-23	<p><b>Date and time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden at 7.30pm</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Cllrs Curtis and McLellan.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm