

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

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall Saffron Walden on **THURSDAY** 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at **7.30pm**

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

**Officers:** Georgia Arnold, Deputy Town Clerk

**Members of the public:** None

P&T 043-24	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Asker.
P&T 044-24	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>  Cllr 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).  Cllr Hawke-Smith and Gadd declared pecuniary interests in application UTT/24/0468/FUL.  Cllr Meloy declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications UTT/24/0440/LB and UTT/24/0433/AV because the neighbour of the application site is known to him.
P&T 045-24	<b>Public speaking time</b>  There were no public speakers.
P&T 046-24	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting 22.02.2024</b>  The minutes of the previous meeting 22.02.2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>	
P&T 047-24	Committee noted the written update provided by Cllr Gadd as Essex Councillor.  Committee noted the extended pavement of George Street and Hill Street has been successfully completed. The need for double yellow lines were considered particularly on the George Street/Gold Street junction to ensure access for emergency vehicles. It was noted images would be sent to the Deputy Town Clerk to illustrate the issue for consideration at the next committee meeting.

Signed as a true and accurate record .....  
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P&T 048-24	<p><b>Essex County Council – EV Charging Point Consultation</b></p> <p>Committee noted Essex County Council (ECC) is hosting a consultation with town and parish councils to identify potential EV charging points. Committee supported the officer report detailing a recommended response to the consultation, identifying proposed locations for EV charging.</p> <p>It was agreed to respond to the application as suggested within the report, with the following additions: Audley End Train station; The Common car park; Lord Butler Leisure Centre; Saffron Walden County High School; Herberts Farm car park and Rowntree Way.</p>
<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>	
P&T 049-24	<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>Section 62A Planning Application: <a href="#">S62A/2023/0031</a> Land North of Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> to respond to the application reiterating the initial concerns raised.</p> <p>Additionally, Uttlesford now has a five-year land supply for housing therefore the application breaches ULP S7 which states “<i>in the countryside, which will be protected for its own sake, planning permission will only be given for development that needs to take place there, or is appropriate to a rural area.</i>”</p>
B	<p><a href="#">UTT/24/0440/LB</a>   Installation of new signage   12A Market Place Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1HR</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> To raise concern for the illuminated letting on the frontage of the building, the lettering must be in keeping with a conservation area to comply with GEN1.</p>
C	<p><a href="#">UTT/24/0433/AV</a>   Installation of new fascia sign, 1no. new hanging sign and 1no. new menu board   12A Market Place Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1HR</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> To raise concern for the illuminated letting on the frontage of the building, the lettering must be in keeping with a conservation area to comply with GEN1.</p>
D	<p><a href="#">UTT/24/0468/FUL</a>   Single storey side extension with pergola and raised stage in beer garden.   Railway Arms Station Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3HQ</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> To support the proposal in principle however the noise management statement has not been provided which must be considered by planning and likely the licensing team.</p>
E	<p><a href="#">UTT/24/0467/FUL</a>   Proposed link road and bridleway crossing to complete the spine road connection between B1053 Radwinter Road and B184 Thaxted Road to include associated development   Land North Of Shire Hill Saffron Walden Essex</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> no comment</p>
F	<p><a href="#">UTT/24/0518/FUL</a>   Demolition of agricultural barn, erection of single dwelling, alteration and refurbishment of cart lodge and ancillary hardstanding   Barn North Of Petts Lane Little Walden Essex</p> <p><b>Resolved</b> No comment</p>

<p>P&amp;T 050-24</p>	<p><b>Update on ongoing significant applications</b></p> <p>It was noted the Shire Hill adjoining road to the Linden Homes estate would not be opened until it is adopted by Highways.</p>
<p>P&amp;T 051-24</p>	<p><b>Urgent Information Items</b></p> <p>No urgent items raised.</p>
<p>P&amp;T 052-24</p>	<p><b>Date and time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at <b>10am</b>, Saffron Walden, The Town Hall.</p> <p>Committee noted the change in time of the meeting.</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm