# PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
# SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE held in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden on **THURSDAY 8 October 2026 at 7.30pm**

**Councillors**: Cllrs Eke, Freeman and McLellan

**Officers**: Deputy Town Clerk

**Members of the public**: Essex County Councillor Gadd

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| P&T 172-26 | **Apologies for absence**<br><br>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Curtis, Hawke-Smith. Absent Cllr Parker. |
| P&T 173-26 | **Declarations of Interest**<br><br>Cllr Freeman declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Uttlesford District Council (UDC). |
| P&T 174-26 | **Public speaking time**<br><br>There were no public speakers. |
| P&T 175-26 | **Minutes of Previous Meeting 24.09.26**<br><br>The minutes of the previous meeting 24.09.26 were approved and signed by the Chair. |
| | **HIGHWAYS** |
| P&T 176-26 | Standing item: Committee to receive an update from the County Councillor<br><br>Cllr Gadd presented his written report to committee, which was received with thanks. It was noted:<br>a. There continues to be delays with delivering highway schemes which is frustrating.<br>b. Essex County Council has not provided an update on the future of a Local Highway Panel (which continues to be disbanded).<br>c. Cllr Gadd noted his in principle support for a no through road traffic proposal at Summerhill Road but was unsure how and if the scheme could be delivered in the absence of the LHP. |
| P&T 177-26 | Summerhill Road – no through traffic – resident proposal<br><br>Committee noted at the 24 September committee meeting, a resident of Summerhill Road presented a request to turn the road into a no through road – free of vehicles.<br><br>Whilst support was shown in principle of the proposals, members also queried where traffic would be moved to and the unintended consequences of any closure. |

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| | **Resolved:** To defer the decision until there is a means for Essex Highways to consider and implement any request of this nature. It was noted evidential support would also be required from the residents.<br><br>Cllr Gadd left the meeting at 8pm. |
| P&T 178-26 | Standing Item: Committee to note any new areas of speeding concern to relay to Essex Police.<br><br>No new areas of speeding concern were raised. |
| | **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** |
| P&T 179-26 | **Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:** All applications were considered against the UDC Local Plan policies dated 2005 and the Saffron Walden Neighbourhood Plan. |
| A | UTT/26/2381/LB \| Proposed formation of black metal framed glazed canopy, glazing to side of canopy between canopy roof and existing wall, removal of single top soldier course of bricks at top of an existing retaining wall, removal of rear railings and gate, addition of new black pained steel grid/platform and new black cast iron railings adjacent to stairs. \| 8 Abbey Lane Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1AG<br>**Resolved: No objection** |
| B | UTT/26/2380/HHF \| Proposed formation of black metal framed glazed canopy, glazing to side of canopy between canopy roof and existing wall, removal of single top soldier course of bricks at top of an existing retaining wall, removal of rear railings and gate, addition of new black pained steel grid/platform and new black cast iron railings adjacent to stairs. \| 8 Abbey Lane Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1AG<br>**Resolved: No objection** |
| C | UTT/26/2334/HHF \| Erection of first floor rear/side extension (resubmission of UTT/26/0403/HHF) \| 23 Hollyhock Road Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2AG<br>**Resolved: No objection** |
| D | **Update on ongoing significant applications**<br><br>Committee noted the following for information:<br><br>Saffron Walden, Parkside Development; at the September Uttlesford Cabinet Meeting it was resolved: *"That Cabinet approve the proposal to upgrade and convert the vacant former older persons scheme at Parkside, Saffron Walden to form 14 self-contained family apartments to be utilised to provide Temporary Accommodation for those in housing need across the Uttlesford District Council (UDC) area."* |
| P&T 180-26 | **Urgent Information Items**<br><br>No urgent information items were raised. |
| P&T 181-26 | **Date and time of Next Meeting**<br><br>Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 7.30PM, Saffron Walden The Town Hall |

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed as a true and accurate record …….