

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

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER of the TOWN HALL on **THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present

Councillors: Cllrs Freeman, McLellan and Roberts

Officers: Chloë Fiddy Saffron Walden Town Council

Members of Public: David Kenny Save The Railway Arms; N Campbell, J Freeman, N Wells, E Cruise, J Bagley, B Wells - Museum Street residents

	Cllr Freeman opened the meeting as the outgoing Chair.
P & RT 001-19	<p>Election of Committee Chair</p> <p>Cllr Roberts nominated Cllr Freeman; this was seconded by Cllr McLellan. There being no other nominations, it was</p> <p>Resolved: That Cllr Freeman be the Committee Chair for 2019-20</p>
P & RT 002-19	<p>Election of Committee Deputy Chair</p> <p>Cllr McLellan nominated Cllr Gadd; this was seconded by Cllr Freeman. There being no other nominations, it was</p> <p>Resolved: That Cllr Gadd be the Committee Deputy Chair for 2019-20</p>
P & RT 003-19	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Gadd, Hawke-Smith, Porch and Toy</p>
P & RT 004-19	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Freeman declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as UDC Councillor.</p>
P & RT 005-19	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p>Residents of Museum Street spoke on item 7: the issues around parking on Museum Street, there being 17 parking permits issued and 6 resident parking spaces. The issues are: Insufficient parking spaces for the numbers of resident' cars; Residents being required to park in the public two-hour spaces and setting alarms to move their cars every two hours to avoid parking fines; Detrimental impact to air quality as residents circle the streets awaiting free spaces;</p>

Signed as a true and accurate record

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	<p>Detrimental impact to air quality as high numbers of residents and visitors' cars are parked and moved every two hours; Insufficient parking at the doctors' surgery resulting in patients parking in the street; and Concern that the street space dedicated to doctors is inefficient use of space, being approximately one and a half cars long. It was agreed that the balance of parking spaces and residents' cars on Castle Street was slightly better than on Museum Street and that there may be an option of reviewing the two streets together.</p>
P & RT 006-19	<p>Residents' Parking Museum/Castle Street</p> <p>This item was brought forward. Committee discussed the issues and it was</p> <p>Resolved: to ask North Essex Parking Partnership to review the balance between residents' parking, the Pay and Display parking, the 2-hour free parking spaces and the space for the doctor, on both Museum and Castle Street.</p>
P & RT 007-19	<p>Public Speaking Time</p> <p>Dave Kenny, Chair of Save the Railway Arms and Gemma Perry, Secretary of Save the Railway Arms spoke on item 9A: the proposed extension to the Railway Arms.</p> <p>They noted that the works would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cause harm to the building; Cause harm to the setting; Loss of the car park would be detrimental to the wider area, as visitors would be forced to park on surrounding streets; Loss of the garden would be detrimental to the area and to the pub as an establishment.
P & RT 008-19	<p>UTT/19/0761/FUL Single storey rear extension to create new access and accessible WC. Internal alterations to layout of public house. Relocation of external fire escape from side elevation to rear elevation. Landscaping works including raised decking area with pergola and new gates. Railway Arms Station Road Saffron Walden CB11 3HQ</p> <p>This item was brought forward. It was Resolved: to raise the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural harm to the building; Impact on the setting of the building; Loss of off-road parking; Loss of green space; Increase in the size of the fire escape would be detrimental to the form and building line of the building and to the setting; and Loss of the benefits to this locally listed building
HIGHWAYS	
P & RT 009-19	<p>Temporary Traffic Regulation Order</p>

	<p>Committee noted: the intended closure of Little Walden Road, B1052, due to commence on 9th June 2019 for 1 day. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Affinity Water undertakes reinstatement works. Closure in force between 0930-1600hrs.</p>
PLANNING	
P & RT 010-19	<p>Local Plan Examination Dates</p> <p>Committee noted that the Local Plan examination dates are 2nd July and 16th July, with 19th July as a reserve date.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of statements or registering to speak is 30th May.</p> <p>It was Resolved: that the Town Council would register to speak.</p>
P & RT 011-19	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>The following planning applications were considered and responses agreed</p>
B	<p>UTT/19/0810/CLP Proposed single storey rear extension, removal of existing chimney, proposed loft conversion with rear Dormer and roof light, changes to fenestration and internal alterations 23 Beeches Close Saffron Walden CB11 4BU</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
C	<p>UTT/19/0745/AV Installation of illuminated and non illuminated signs to the exterior of the building and signage added to existing illuminated totem sign Unit 3 Knight Park Saffron Walden Essex CB10 2SG</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
D	<p>UTT/19/0879/CLP Proposed loft conversion with rear elevation dormer. Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of single storey flat roof extension 85 Pleasant Valley Saffron Walden Essex CB11 4AW</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
E	<p>UTT/19/0766/FUL Change of use from retail shop to hair salon 11 Debden Road Saffron Walden CB11 4AA</p> <p>And</p> <p>UTT/19/0767/AV Erection of non-illuminated fascia sign 11 Debden Road Saffron Walden CB11 4AA</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>

F	<p>UTT/19/0842/FUL Retrospective planning permission for the removal of timber shed and the proposed erection of 1 no. dwelling and access. R/o 22 Thaxted Road Saffron Walden Essex CB11 3AA</p> <p>Cllr Freeman declared a non-pecuniary interest as he knows the homeowner.</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
G	<p>UTT/19/0774/FUL Removal of the existing cafe, kitchen and play equipment and replacement with a new cafe and play equipment. Extension to the existing shop and WCs Audley End Miniature Railway Audley End Road Saffron Walden CB11 4JB</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
H	<p>UTT/19/0746/FUL Change of use and conversion of an existing vacant store building to create a single dwelling. 32 King Street Saffron Walden CB10 1ES</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
I	<p>UTT/19/0542/FUL Proposed part change of use of former dentist practise to 3 no. one bedroom flats in addition to one existing flat including alterations, change of windows and doors from UPVC to timber conservation type casements and demolition of single storey flat roof rear extension 21 And 23 Hill Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1EH</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
J	<p>UTT/19/0837/LB Replace roof tiles 11 Freshwell Street Saffron Walden Essex CB10 1BY</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
K	<p>UTT/19/0931/HHF Single storey rear extension and garage conversion 28 Saxon Way Saffron Walden CB11 4EG</p> <p>To object on ground of loss of parking and loss of amenity</p>
L	<p>UTT/19/0951/HHF Replacement windows to side and rear, and replacement door to rear 79 High Street Saffron Walden CB10 1DZ</p> <p>Noted no objections</p>
M	<p>UTT/19/0957/FUL Erection of single storey building (joinery workshop and associated showroom usage) with associated landscaping and civil works. (Following grant of outline planning permission and clearance of appropriate reserved matters) Unit A Ashdon Road Commercial Centre Ashdon Road Saffron Walden</p> <p>No objections subject to landscaping screening being adequate</p>

N	<p>UTT/19/1019/AV Erection of 1 no. fascia sign to side elevation, 2 no. sets of internally illuminated hanging letters (windows), window signage and 3 no. replacement vinyl for existing projection signs 1-3 Cross Street Saffron Walden CB10 1EX</p> <p>To object as being contrary to UDC policy on signage, especially in the Conservation Area</p>
P & RT 012-19	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>Committee noted that property consultants will be attending a future Full Council meeting on behalf of the developers seeking planning permission for the Printpak site. No further information was available on the nature of the development or planning permission being sought.</p>
P & RT 013-19	<p>Date and time of Next Meetings</p> <p>Thursday, 13th June 2019, 7.30pm Council Chamber, Town Hall</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.