

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

MINUTES of the PLANNING & ROAD TRAFFIC COMMITTEE held via ZOOM on **THURSDAY 24th June 2021 at 7.30pm**

Councillors: Gadd, Gregory, Hawke-Smith, McLellan (Chair), Porch, and Roberts

Officers: Lisa Courtney

Members of the public: None

P&T 110-21	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs De Vries and Freeman</p> <p>Cllr McLellan welcomed Cllr Gregory, newly elected Councillor for Little Walden, to the Committee.</p>
P&T 111-21	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Gadd declared a generic non-pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council (ECC).</p> <p>Cllr McLellan declared a non-pecuniary interest in Min Ref P & T 115-21 as the applicant is known to him; he did not participate in any discussion or decision making for this application.</p>
P&T 112-21	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.</p>
P&T 113-21	<p>Public speaking time</p> <p>There were no public speakers.</p>
HIGHWAYS	
P&T 114-21	<p>Cllr Gregory reported recent flooding in Little Walden at Stoney Bridge and also on the corner of The Crown public house, she advised photos could be provided. Cllr Gadd (as ECC Councillor) agreed to progress this and report back.</p> <p>It was noted it was appropriate to restate the list of potholes in town to ECC (previously submitted in September 2020), and this would be a project for the soon to be appointed Office Administrator.</p> <p>Cllr Gadd (ECC) advised he is awaiting a response from ECC Officers regarding a Member's query relating to parking changes at Farmadine Drive. It was further noted the Town Council's FOI request was overdue for response. It was Resolved:</p>

Signed as a true and accurate record

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	To issue a formal complaint to ECC from SWTC in relation to both the original request and then the lack of response to the FOI. Cllr Gadd (ECC) advised he would further progress his outstanding query on the same matter with ECC Officers.
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	
P&T 115-21	Committee considered and commented upon the following Planning Applications:
A	UTT/21/1876/HHF Proposed extension to existing dropped kerb - 2 Ashdon Road, Saffron Walden Resolved: No objections
B	UTT/21/1689/HHF Demolition of existing ground floor extension, construction of two storey rear extension and loft conversion - 86 Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden Resolved: No objections but Committee noted any increase in bedrooms must provide for additional parking spaces in accordance with ECC parking standards.
C	UTT/21/1882/HHF Single storey side and rear extension - 40 South Road, Saffron Walden. Cllr McLellan registered a non-pecuniary interest as the applicant is personally known to him. Cllr McLellan did not participate in any discussion or decision making for this application. Resolved: No objections
D	UTT/21/1920/NMA - Land North of Shire Hill Farm, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden, Essex Non-Material Amendment for the removal of condition 25 (pedestrian/cycle access details) attached to UTT/17/2832/OP Resolved: To strongly object to the removal of this amendment on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the proposed change was sufficiently significant to be a material change rather than non-material; (ii) That the pedestrian and cycle access is vital to provide access and connectivity for future residents of the development site; (iii) That the connectivity was not just physical (in that one can walk or cycle along it), but that the connectivity also supported porosity of the site to create a cohesive community, allowing for integration of new residents into the wider SW community, better lending itself to community engagement and participation; (iv) It was noted part of the development site contained outline planning permission for a school site and therefore a pedestrian and cycling route was necessary for access to the school. It was further noted that should the site not come forward as a school site (ie if ECC does not determine the school development to be necessary), the land may transfer to community use and this would also require pedestrian and cycling access.

E	<p>UTT/21/1935/HHF Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension - 12 Springhill Road, Saffron Walden</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
F	<p>UTT/21/1932/HHF Single storey extension, alterations to the associated 19th Century extension to the existing dwelling and associated works, internalions and alterations to the associated outbuilding - Sadlers Farm, Little Walden Road, CB10 1XB</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
G	<p>UTT/21/1933/LB Single storey extension, alterations to the associated 19th Century extension to the existing dwelling and associated works, internalions and alterations to the associated outbuilding - Sadlers Farm, Little Walden Road, CB10 1XB</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
H	<p>UTT/21/1840/HHF Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear kitchen extension, alterations to access and external paving Rakefriars Cottage, 78 Little Walden Road</p> <p>Resolved: No objections</p>
P&T 116-21	<p>Update on ongoing significant applications</p> <p>(a) Update on development proposals for land off Radwinter Road, as submitted under Scoping Report application No UTT/21/1138/SO</p> <p>Committee considered the proposals as drafted by the developer (Rosconn), the following response was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To note the proposed plans do not improve connectivity given that the proposed path will bring the cyclist/pedestrian to an area of public open space within the Linden Homes site that is not conducive for cycling. The proposed route terminates at uneven public open space and does not then itself connect to any existing cycle or pedestrian route; (ii) The proposals do not therefore improve connectivity and do not connect the site into the town centre or nearby amenities; (iii) To request the developer to reconsider proposals which link into existing provision and provide clear and accessible pedestrian/cycling route into the town centre; (iv) On the matter of future management of the public open space, it was noted it was too early for SWTC to take a view on any future management of the site; (v) On the matter of recent crop spraying on the land, Committee wished to express its grave concerns and objection at the loss of biodiversity, wildlife and future wildlife opportunities on this site and will request the developer to cease future crop spraying.

<p>P&T 117-21</p>	<p>Proposal from SW Business Improvement District (SW BID)</p> <p>Committee noted the indicative proposals and made the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That any future advertising is tasteful and discreet so that it does not detract from the surroundings or have any significant impact on the conservation area; (b) That advertising should also take the opportunity to represent the history of the town; (c) That the BID should take the opportunity to work collaboratively with both the Tourist Information Centre and Heritage Development Group in future advertising and marketing campaigns; (d) That any branding should be consistent; (e) That the Town Council will reserve full judgement pending final design and submission of any planning application.
<p>P&T 118-21</p>	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>Cllr Porch reported on the continuance of the regular, scheduled planning meetings between SWTC and UDC.</p>
<p>P&T 119-21</p>	<p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 8th July 2021, in the Town Hall at 7.30pm</p>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30pm