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Minutes of the meeting of Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held on 25/03/2025 in Council Chamber at Town Hall

Present

Chris Greenhill (Chair), Sam Hunt, Barry Darch, Jeff Harris, Philippa Drew, and Colin Hill

In Attendance: Candi Turner

Apologies: Christine Wheeler

Absent:

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

2 - To receive declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda

The were none

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

3 - To approve the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th February

RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2025

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

4 - To receive an update on Planning decisions

The update was received

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

5 - DC/25/0303/FUL- 31 Station Road Beccles Suffolk NR34 9QH

Committee Decision: No Objection

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

6 - DC/25/0388/FUL- Unit 7 Common Lane North Industrial Estate George Westwood Way Beccles Suffolk NR34

Committee Decision: Recommend Refusal

The committee noted that all the buildings on the industrial estate are brick fronted and object to the grey cladding because of the impact on the street scape.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

7 - DC/25/0971/TCA - Alexander House 32 Station Road Beccles Suffolk NR34 9QJ

This item appeared to be missing from councillors' agenda packs and was therefore deferred.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

8 - DC/25/0981/FUL- 52 Coney Hill Beccles Suffolk NR34 7AY

This item appeared to be missing from councillors' agenda packs and was therefore deferred.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

9 - DC/25/1045/FUL - 23 Firfield Close Beccles Suffolk NR34 9YE

Committee Decision: No Objection

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

10 - DC/25/1061/TCA- 15 Waveney Road Beccles Suffolk NR34 9NW

Committee Decision: Defer to Tree Officer

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

11 - To receive for information correspondence from a Planning Consultant for potential plans for development of Boast Industrial Estate

The plans were received, and a conversation took place.

The committee agreed that in light of the BWGN project there is no need for more housing but agreed the site would be of better use to provide employment opportunities and should be developed as an industrial area. The committee would not support a planning application if one were to be submitted.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

12 - To receive for information a verbal report from Chair regarding the East Suffolk Local Development Scheme

Chair reported that the Government has asked local planning authorities to deliver more housing and has asked LPAs to review their local plan. East Suffolk has concluded that the Waveney part of East Suffolk has 3.33 years of housing land supply. The BWGN site cannot be included until a planning application has been submitted.

East Suffolk is starting work on the new East Suffolk Local Plan in the Autumn for submission in 2028. Beccles Town Council might want to consider revising the Beccles Neighbourhood Plan.

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There are no actions for this item.		

13 - To receive for information a verbal report from Chair regarding the review of Article 4 Directions

Chair reported that East Suffolk and the Broads Authority are conducting a review of the existing Article 4 directions, in which it is likely that they will reduce the area to which it applies. As a result, this could mean reducing the number of

applications for changing windows.

The chair shared a map of the conservation area with the committee, and a conversation took place regarding the streets affected by the change.

The consultation starts on the 14th of April and is for 6 weeks. A consultation session is being held at Blyburgate Hall on the 9th of May.

Chair suggested discussing this again after the consultation event and asked committee members to observe streets affected by the change.

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		

14 - To agree the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 6.30pm

The meeting date was confirmed as Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 6.30pm

What?	By Whom?	By When?
There are no actions for this item.		