



Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 6.30pm in the Committee Room at Town Hall

Present: Chris Greenhill (Chair), Barry Darch, Jeff Harris, Christine Wheeler, Richard Stubbings (from item 5)

In Attendance: Candi Turner

Apologies: Philippa Drew

Absent: Samuel Hunt

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

There were apologies from Cllrs Stubbings and Drew

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

There 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 on Tuesday 10th June 2025

RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting on Tuesday 8th July 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 - BA/2025/0077/FUL Redevelopment of site with 3 new dwellings Wherry Cottage, 50 Puddingmoor, Beccles, Suffolk, A T Bent Properties Ltd

The committee could not see that there had been any significant change in the plans. Therefore, the decision to object to this application remains as previously submitted.

Cllr Stubbings joined the meeting.

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

6 - DC/25/2018/FUL Installation of new door to create an access to existing Sui Generis (Restaurant/Takeaway) Premise, 103 Grove Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9RE,

Cllr Stubbings proposed that the committee does not submit a comment concerning this application. Chair did not agree. However, Cllr Harris seconded Cllr Stubbings proposal, the committee voted, and it was therefore,

RESOLVED That the committee would not submit a comment for this application.

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

7 - DC/25/2080/FUL and DC/25/2081/LBC Proposal: Demolition and removal of timber garage to the rear of the main house and returning the area to garden. Repair and rendering of newly exposed rear wall to match in with the existing finish on the rest of the house. Lime render to be used to support the preservation of brickwork and colour matched to existing exterior walls. Replacement of one window to the rear to match the recently replaced existing windows at the front of the house. Replacement of two skylights within the flat roof. Repair / resurfacing of the existing flat roof. Professional installation of re-enforce backed 2.5mm or 3mm EPDM plus replacement of suitable fascias and guttering Site address: 11 Saltgate, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9AN,

No Objection

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There are no actions for this item.

8 - DC/25/2284/FUL Reinstatement After Fire Damage Site, 29 New Market, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9HE,
No Objection

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There are no actions for this item.		

9 - To receive for information an update from Chair from the Journeys and Destinations Working Party Meeting

Chair reported that the working party had reviewed a response from Wayne Saunders regarding the proposed 20mph speed limit. This included a map outlining where the limit would be implemented and how the project would be funded.

The Town Clerk raised concerns that not all councillors are aware of the costs involved. The estimated cost is approximately £16,000–£20,000 for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and an additional £20,000 for signage—bringing the total project cost to around £40,000.

A contribution from the SCC Local Transport Plan (LTP) fund may be available. It was suggested that the Town Council consider including this project in the next financial year's budget.

Chair also confirmed that the Journeys and Destinations section of the Strategic Plan will be updated to include this project.

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There are no actions for this item.		

10 - To review and propose updates to the Journeys and Destinations section of the BTC Strategic Plan

Section 2

It was discussed that traffic-free areas could be replaced with shared surfaces.

Section 3

It was noted that this section remains unresolved due to recent feedback from Wayne Saunders regarding the traffic survey results. Wayne suggested conducting a survey with local businesses to gather information about delivery patterns and the types of vehicles used. Cllr Stubbings agreed to draft a questionnaire.

Section 4

Under green travel, proposals could include the integration of electric buses and the installation of an EV charging point at the bus station.

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There are no actions for this item.		

11 - To receive for information a response from the ESC Design and Heritage Officer on the Article 4 Direction Consultation

The response was received.

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

12 - To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 6.30pm

The meeting date was confirmed as Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 6.30pm.

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There are no actions for this item.		