



Minutes of the meeting of Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2025 in Committee Room at Town Hall

Present

Chris Greenhill (Chair), Barry Darch (Mayor), Philippa Drew, Christine Wheeler, and Jeff Harris

In Attendance: Candi Turner,

Apologies: Colin Hill, Samuel Hunt

Absent: Richard Stubbings

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To Elect a Chair of the Committee

Cllr Wheeler proposed that Cllr Greenhill be elected Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Darch and was therefore,

RESOLVED Cllr Greenhill was elected Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee for the year 2025/26.

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

2 - To receive apologies for absence

There were apologies from Cllrs Hunt and Hill.

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

3 - 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.		

4 - To approve the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2025

RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 29th April 2025.

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

5 - To Elect a Deputy Chair of the Committee

Chair proposed Cllr Hunt be elected Deputy Chair of the Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Drew and was therefore,

RESOLVED To elect Cllr Hunt as Deputy Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee for the year 2025/26.

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

6 - To receive an update on Planning decisions

The update was received.

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

7 - BA/2025/0077/FUL Redevelopment of site with 3 new dwellings Wherry Cottage, 50 Puddingmoor, Beccles, Suffolk Objection

The committee considers the plans inappropriate for this part of the conservation area and believes they would intrude upon the streetscape."

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

8 - DC/25/1608/FUL Upper floor extension and internal alterations, including demolition Lyncroft , 12 Grange Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9NR

No Objection

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

9 - DC/25/1630/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory, WC and side porch and construction of new garden room, larger side porch, rear boot room extension (all single-storey) and new pitched roof with rooflights to replace existing flat roof over bedroom. Conversion of existing garage to studio, including raising the roof and adding a single-storey rear extension and side extension providing gym, sauna, shower room and storage. New window openings to existing attic and installation of PV panels to main house and extended studio. Internal alterations and adjustments to fenestration. 10 Ashmans Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9NP,

No Objection

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There are no actions for this item.		

10 - DC/25/1869/TCA 11no. Scots Pine (T15-T17, T41-T48 on plan) - Remove deadwood >50mm, Crown lift to 4m from ground level 1no. Horse Chestnut (T25 on plan) - Reduce by 40% back to previous pruning points Beccles Hospital , St Marys Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9NQ

Defer to Tree Officer

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There are no actions for this item.		

11 - To discuss a planning consideration concerning painting of a front door

Chair invited committee members to share their views on the colour of the recently painted front door. Members unanimously agreed that the colour was inappropriate for Northgate and this part of the conservation area, as it is not a traditional colour and does not complement the surrounding brickwork. The committee requested that the front door be repainted in a more traditional and sympathetic colour.

Chair noted that the Deputy Clerk had already received a response from the Heritage Office, which stated that the department did not intend to take enforcement action on the matter.

The Chair proposed that the Deputy Clerk write to the Heritage Officer to formally express the Council's complaint, as outlined above. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Wheeler and therefore:

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk will contact the Heritage Officer to convey the Council's concerns regarding the colour of the front door.

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There are no actions for this item.		

12 - To discuss how to progress with the council's recommendation for a 20mph speed limit/zone in Beccles

This item was deferred to the Journeys and Destinations working party meeting taking place on Tuesday 3rd June at 10am.

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

13 - To receive information about the Local Authority Bus Grant

Chair asked the committee if there were any recommendations for bus stops requiring improvements.

Cllr Wheeler suggested that the bus stop at the top of Fen Lane posed a safety concern, as there is no footpath connecting it to Ravensmere. The Chair noted that this may be a highways matter but agreed it was important to record the concern.

Chair also recommended that the bus station in Old Market be considered for the installation of electronic passenger information signs and improved information boards.

The Deputy Clerk will confirm the deadline for submitting suggested bus stop improvements. This item will also be discussed at the Journeys and Destinations Working Party meeting on 3rd June.

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There are no actions for this item.		

14 - To agree the date of the next committee meeting as 10th June 2025 at 6.30pm

The meeting date was agreed.

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

