



Minutes of the meeting of Planning and Highways Committee Tuesday 9th June at 6.30pm in Committee Room at Town Hall

Present: Joseph Athorn, Jeff Harris, Samuel Hunt (Chair), Richard Stubbings, Christine Wheeler

In Attendance: Candi Turner

Apologies: Philippa Drew, Alan Hopley

Absent:

Members of public:

1 - To elect a Chair of the Committee

Cllr Stubbings proposed that Cllr Hunt be elected as Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee. This was seconded by Cllr Wheeler. The committee voted unanimously and it was therefore,

RESOLVED: That Cllr Hunt be elected Chair of the Committee.

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

2 - To receive apologies for absence

There were apologies from Cllrs Drew and Hopley.

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 received.

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 12th May 2026

RESOLVED To accept the minutes of the Planning and Highways committee meeting on Tuesday 12th May 2026.

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

5 - To elect a Deputy Chair of the Committee

Cllr Hunt (chair) proposed that Cllr Stubbings be elected Deputy Chair of the Planning and Highways committee. This was seconded by Cllr Harris. The committee voted unanimously and it was therefore:

RESOLVED Cllr Stubbings be elected Deputy Chair of the Planning and Highways committee.

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 - DC/26/1515/LBC Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Replacement of defective timber beam over first floor window on rear elevation. Site address: 2 Old Market, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9AP,

No Objection

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

8 - DC/26/1575/FUL Proposal: First floor side extension Site address: Edwin House, Lowestoft Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 7DE

No Objection

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

9 - DC/26/1598/FUL Proposal: Replacement link extension and garage conversion Site address: 8 Stuart Drive, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9SB,

No Objection

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

10 - DC/26/1693/TCA Proposal: 1no. Cherry Plum (marked T1 on submitted plan) - Reduce south side of crown by 2m, raise crown to 4.5m from ground level. Site address: St Benets Rc School , Ringsfield Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9PQ

No Objection

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

11 - DC/26/1805/TCA Proposal: Fell self set Sycamore and fell Holly due to shading. Site address: Shop At, 35 New Market, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9HE

The committee objected to the removal of the healthy holly tree, having regard to the impact on the streetscape from Puddingmoor. The committee did not object to the removal of the sycamore.

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

12 - DC/26/1998/TCA Proposal: 1no. Leylandii Hedge (marked T1 on submitted plan) - Reduce to 2.5m from ground level Site address: 38 Ingate, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9RZ,

No Objection. Defer to Tree Officer

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

13 - DC/26/1999/TCA Proposal: Proposal: 1no. Cypress (marked on submitted plan) - Reduce by 50% Site address: Ballygate Cottage, 35 Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9ND

The committee objected to the proposed 50% reduction of the Cypress tree, as it was felt this would have a detrimental effect on the tree's health. The committee did not object to some maintenance and general tidying of the tree.

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There are no actions for this item.		

14 - To revisit the decision concerning DC/25/3144/TPO St Marys Cottage, 41 Ballygate, Beccles Parish Beccles Proposal TPO 311A - T7 1no. Horse Chestnut (marked on submitted plan) - Fell

The committee noted the Tree Officer's comments regarding an extension to the period for planting the replacement tree.

The committee also discussed the Tree Officer's previous decision notice, which recommended that the replacement tree be planted within 6 metres of the felled tree. The committee requested that this be reconsidered and instead recommends that the replacement tree be planted in the same location as the tree that has been removed.

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There are no actions for this item.		

15 - To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 23rd June 2026

The meeting date was confirmed as Tuesday 23rd June 2026.

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There are no actions for this item.		