



**Minutes of the meeting of Planning and Highways on
Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 6.30pm in Committee
Room at Town Hall**

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

In Attendance: Candi Turner

Apologies: Philippa Drew, Alan Hopley, Christine Wheeler

Absent: None

Members of public: No members of the public.

1 - To receive apologies for absence

There were apologies from Cllrs Drew, Hopley and Wheeler.

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**2 - To receive Declarations of Interest or any requests for the
granting of dispensations in relation to any Disclosable Pecuniary
Interests in items on the agenda.**

There were none.

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**3 - To accept the minutes of the Planning and Highways
Committee meeting on Tuesday 18th August 2026**

Cllr Hunt proposed that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2026 be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Athorn. The Committee voted unanimously and it was therefore,

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2026.

What?	By Whom?	By When?

**4 - DC/26/0836/FUL Retrospective Application - Change of use of a
portion of Ashmans Hall estate from a private dwellinghouse (C3)
to a professionally managed whole-house holiday let (Sui**

Generis). Address: Town/Parish: Ashmans Hall, Bungay Road, Barsham, Beccles, Suffolk NR34 8HE Barsham

The application was discussed and the information provided was considered.

The Committee was satisfied with the comprehensive Noise Management Plan. However, it also recognised and was sympathetic to the concerns raised by neighbouring residents.

The Committee wished to understand what the consequences would be should the Noise Management Plan not be adhered to. The Chair proposed that the Deputy Clerk contact the Planning Officer to clarify this point before the Committee makes a formal decision on the application. This was seconded by Cllr Stubbings and it was therefore,

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk contact the Planning Officer to clarify the consequences of non-compliance with the Noise Management Plan, prior to the Committee making a formal decision on the application.

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5 - DC/26/2578/FUL Replacement windows, front door and side panels, render porch wall, replace garage doors with one sectional door, increase width of driveway by reducing the length of L/H front wall (as viewed from road) by 1.25m max and replace wrought iron front gate Site address:: The Firs , 7 Ashmans Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9NP

The application was discussed. Cllr Stubbings proposed that the Committee recommend approval of the application. This was seconded by Cllr Harris the Committee voted unanimously and it was therefore,

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the application.

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6 - DC/26/2740/FUL and DC/26/2741/LBC Installation of plant and extract equipment plus minor alterations Bank And Premises , Exchange Square, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9HH

The application was discussed. The Committee was supportive of the application and welcomed the proposal to bring the building back into use. Cllr Athorn proposed that the Committee recommend approval of the application. This was seconded by Cllr Stubbings. The Committee voted unanimously and it was therefore:

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the application.

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7 - DC/26/2966/VOC | Variation of Condition No.4 of DC/24/2615/FUL - Retrospective application for change of use

from Class E to Sui Generis use as a hot food takeaway and restaurant. No external alterations proposed - 4. Hours of Use. | 103 Grove Road Beccles Suffolk NR34 9RE

The application was considered. The Committee remained concerned about safety issues surrounding vehicular access to the premises, particularly as customer parking requires vehicles to reverse onto the busy highway.

Cllr Stubbings also raised concerns regarding what he considered to be a lack of respect for, and an abuse of, the planning process by the owner of the restaurant.

Cllr Stubbings proposed that the Committee object to the application. This was seconded by Cllr Athorn. The Committee voted unanimously and it was therefore,

RESOLVED: To object to the application on the grounds of highway safety concerns.

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8 - DC/26/2974/TCA 1no. Scots Pine (south of entrance) - Fell Site address: 2 Upper Grange Road, Beccles, Suffolk, NR34 9NU,

The application was discussed. The Chair did not consider it justified to fell this healthy tree.

The Chair proposed that the Committee object to the application. This was seconded by Cllr Stubbings. The Committee voted unanimously and it was therefore,

RESOLVED: To object to the application on the grounds that the felling of the healthy tree is not considered justified.

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9 - To agree the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 6.30pm

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 22nd September 2026 at 6.30pm in the Committee Room at the Town Hall.

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