

# SAWBRIDGEGWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Minutes

of the meeting of the Planning Committee held at the Council Offices, Sayesbury Manor, Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth on **Monday 24 June 2024** at 8pm.

#### Those present

**Cllr Ruth Buckmaster**  
**Cllr Simon Penney**  
**Cllr Steve Smith**

**Cllr Nathan Parsad-Wyatt**  
**Cllr John Rider**

In attendance:  
C Hunt – Town Clerk

3 Members of Public  
Cllr Furnace

#### **P 24/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr A Parsad-Wyatt and approved.

#### **P 24/22 PUBLIC FORUM**

To receive representations from members of the public on matters within the remit of the Planning Committee. David Royle stated that work continues to be carried out on the old Barclays Bank site, Knight Street. Planning Enforcement confirmed an officer has attended and are happy with the works being carried out. Case officer requested planning application be withdrawn and resubmitted. New Noise Assessment being undertaken.

#### **P 24/23 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

To receive any Declarations of Interest by Members. There were none.

#### **P 24/24 MINUTES**

**Resolved:** To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting held on:

- 10 June 2024 (P02) [*prop Cllr S Smith; secd Cllr Penney*]

To attend to any matters arising from these Minutes and not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda. There were none.

**P 24/25 NEIGHBOURING DEVELOPMENTS**

To report & receive updates on proposed neighbouring developments. Planning committee to monitor the proposed development of the new hospital site, Sheering, as this may offer future funding opportunities. Planning committee to write to Kevin Steptoe at EHDC regarding the Gilston development to explore future funding.

**P 24/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM EHDC**

To consider Planning Applications received from EHDC since the last meeting of the Planning Committee.

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**3/24/1094/FUL Bell Street Car Park, CM21 9AN**

[Sitting of Parcel Locker](#)

**STC Comment:** No objection [*prop Cllr S Smith; secd Cllr Penney*]

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**P 24/27 LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To deal with Planning Applications received from EHDC following the Publication of this Agenda and received before 21 June 2024.

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**3/24/0668/FUL 15 Cambridge Road, CM21 9JP**

Demolition of the existing dwelling property and outbuildings. Erection of two blocks comprising a total of 5 flats and 2 one and a half storey dwellings with parking, access and landscaping

**STC Comment:** "*We raise concerns relating to highways and access, loss of trees and biodiversity, lack of green space, sustainable materiality/energy consumption and neighbouring amenity*" [*prop Cllr R Buckmaster; sec'd Cllr S Penney*]

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**3/24/1133/HH 33 Sayesbury Road, CM21 0EB**

Erection of single storey front extension and front porch. Change the side door into a ground floor window

**STC Comment:** No objection [*prop Cllr R Buckmaster; secd Cllr N Parsad-Wyatt*]

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**P 24/28 PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY EHDC**

To receive Planning Decisions from EHDC.

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**3/23/2290/HH Lower Hamptons, 92a Station Road, CM21 9JY**

Erection of side car port and single storey garden room with associated landscaping

**STC Comment:** No objection

**EHDC Decision:** Granted

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**3/24/0800/HH 3 Blakes Court, Church Street, CM21 9TD**

Insertion of a first floor window to the rear elevation. Alterations to existing windows to the front elevation

**STC Comment:** No objection provided neighbours concerns re overlooking an access are addressed by applicant

**EHDC Decision:** Granted

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**3/24/0841/HH            1 Forebury Crescent, CM21 9BE**

Demolition of single storey rear extension, erection of two-storey rear extension and replacement front porch

**STC Comment:** No objection provided neighbouring amenity is not affected and note lack of information regarding materials being used

**EHDC Decision:** Refused. "The proposal, through the size, bulk and appearance of the proposed rear extension, would create a dominating and incongruous addition to the host property to the detriment of the character and appearance of the host property and that of the surrounding streetscene. This would fall contrary to policies HOU11 and DES4 of the East Herts District Plan 2018 and the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework." & "Insufficient information has been provided with the application to demonstrate a sufficient level of parking would be provided. In addition, it hasn't been demonstrated that there would not be a resultant unacceptable impact on highway safety. The proposal would therefore be contrary to Policies TRA2 and TRA3 of the District Plan 2018 and the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework."

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**P 24/29            PLANNING APPEALS**

To receive notification from EHDC of Planning Appeals. There were none.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm