

**HUNTINGDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Planning Committee was held at Huntingdon Town Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Present: Councillors A Blackwell; K Brockett; D Cole; S Gifford; M Kadewere; P Kennington; B Luckham; A McAdam; S McAdam; A Norton; T Sanderson; P Pearce (Chairman); and K Webb.

Absent: Councillors M Baker and J Cole

10. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to elect Councillor S Gifford as the Chairman of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the local government year 2022/23.

As Councillor Gifford was the Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee, it was noted that a new Vice Chairman would need to be appointed at the next meeting.

11. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors P Kadewere, G Shiels and S Sweek.

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

13. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**

A member indicated that they wished to speak. It was therefore proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting.

Cllr D Cole requested that Planning Applications Panel (PAP) meetings be reinstated for Members to consider applications. It was felt that Councillors should be making the planning comments rather than Officers. It was also noted that meetings gave members of the public the opportunity to attend and comment, as well as allowing Members to question developers. The Town Clerk explained that in the past, PAP Members had not been trained to make valid planning comments, and so it was suggested that Members wishing to sit on PAP should undertake relevant training. It was agreed to arrange CAPALC planning training after the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Council.

Cllr Luckham raised a concern from a resident regarding a planning application at Macbeth Close that encroached on a neighbouring property. It was noted that this would be looked into.

It was then proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to reconvene.

14. **MINUTES**

Members had before them copies of the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (M1). It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to approve and adopt these minutes which were signed by the Chairman.

15. **RECOMMENDATION OF SUB COMMITTEES**

Members had before them the minutes of the Planning Applications Panel meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 (M1). It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED** to receive, approve, and adopt the recommendations contained herein.

16. **CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL 20MPH APPLICATION**

Members were asked to discuss locations to nominate for Cambridgeshire County Council's 20mph zone programme. A Member advised that they had reviewed the CCC road traffic collision data and highlighted several areas where multiple incidents had occurred, including:

- Sallowbush Road
- Coneygear Road
- Butts Grove Way
- California Road
- Huntingdon Ring Road – particularly near George Street and near Cowper Road
- American Lane

It was noted that although there had been incidents in these locations, 20mph zones may not be the best solution. It was also noted that the data used was from 2021, as this was the latest available.

Other areas considered were Wertheim Way, Eagle Way/Owl Way, and the area of Ermine Street near Homebase. It was also suggested that 20mph zones be introduced around all schools.

It was requested that Members submit any suggestions for 20mph zones to the Office. An additional meeting would then be called to review the suggestions ahead of the deadline for applications on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

17. **DATE AND AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was noted as to be confirmed.