

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** held at the **Shire Hall** on **Wednesday 21st May 2025** at **5.30pm**

Councillors:

Present: D Adelson, S Bale, R Leach, D Pegg and R Sanders.

Apologies: E Beck, P Gillard, G Holdcroft and N Phipps.

In attendance: Town Clerk (Mr G E Diaper) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

The Committee agreed to approve the absence of Cllrs. E Beck, P Gillard, G Holdcroft and N Phipps.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest.

No members made any declarations of interests in relation to items on the agenda.

3. Requests for dispensations.

No members made any requests for dispensation in relation to items on the agenda.

4. Public Question Time.

The resident of the property adjacent to that covered by DC/25/1647/FUL - 6 Hawthorn Place Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4JZ addressed the Committee about his concerns with the application.

5. To agree and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2025.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 7th May 2025 were approved as a true record.

6. To note intentions to undertake works to trees in the conservation area (TCA).

Members of the Committee noted the following works to trees in the Woodbridge Conservation Area:

No applications received.

7. To comment on applications to trees with a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

No applications received.

8. To comment on applications for planning permission.

The Council agreed their comments as set out below:-

<p>DC/25/1647/FUL - 6 Hawthorn Place Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4JZ</p>	<p>WTC recommends refusal of this application as we believe the proposed height and design of the fence contravenes SCLP sections 11.2 c, e, and h.</p> <p>c) Access to daylight and sunlight – the fence is proposed to be 4m high, running north to south along the boundary of 6 Hawthorn Place. WTC consider that a fence of this height at that location will reduce daylight and cast shade into the adjacent gardens to the applicant's property.</p> <p>e) The resulting physical relationship with other properties – the fence will dwarf the existing fence provided at the adjacent properties and during winter, when the leaves on the surrounding trees have fallen, will provide a significant eyesore from the A12 Grove Road. The design of the fence is out of keeping with those already in situ.</p> <p>h) Safety and security – WTC have serious safety concerns about the proposed installation, notably the design of the</p>
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	fence and supporting posts, which in our opinion would not be sufficient to cope with the wind loading that will be experienced in this exposed location. Furthermore, the proximity of a poorly designed 4m fence to the A12 Grove Road and the footpath/cycle path alongside, presents a very serious risk to travellers in the event of falling across any of these routes. WTC requests that the Highways Authority are asked for their opinion of such a structure on the boundary of their property.
DC/25/1542/VOC - 11 Trinity Close Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4TN	No objection.
DC/25/1736/FUL - Vale Cottage 69 Ipswich Road Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 4BT	No objection.
DC/25/1750/LBC - 2 Doric Place Woodbridge Suffolk IP12 1BT	No objection.

9. To note East Suffolk Council decisions on Planning Applications where those decision are contrary to this Council’s recommendations and not previously reported.

The Committee noted East Suffolk Council’s decisions on planning applications where those decisions are contrary to this Council’s recommendations and not previously reported.

10. Closure.

The meeting was closed at 5.58pm.

Councillor Adelson
Chair