



Needham Market Town Council

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Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 14th July 2026

Held at: The Green Room, Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market.

Meeting started at 18:00

Councillors Present:

K Hunter (Chair), R Darnell and I Mason

Also in Attendance:

G de Cova (Town Clerk and RFO), Cllr L Chandler and 2 members of the public

PL/26/035 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Smith (prior commitment) and Harrison (illness)

Cllr Darnell proposed that the apologies be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Mason. All in favour.

It was **Resolved** to accept the Apologies for Absence

PL/26/036 To receive declarations of interest from members relating to items on this agenda

No declarations of interest were received

PL/26/037 To approve any Dispensations with respect to Disclosable Non-Pecuniary Interests

No dispensations were applied for.

PL/26/038 To receive and confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2026

Councillors reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Cllr Mason proposed that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. Seconded by Cllr Hunter. All in favour.

It was **Resolved** to accept the minutes of the meeting of 9th June 2026 as an accurate record.



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PL/26/039 To receive questions from any members of the public present

Members of the public spoke regarding planning application DC/26/02148. Concerns were raised regarding highway safety and parking issues, impact on neighbouring residents, concerns relating to internal works and building control and also ongoing enforcement matters at the site.

The Chair advised that the Town Council had submitted a comment on the application and explained the role of Mid Suffolk District Council as the planning authority.

PL/26/040 To consider Applications for Planning permission:

PL/26/040/a New Applications available at the time of agenda

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/02737

Proposal: Householder Application – Creation of a dropped kerb

Location: 11 Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, IP6 8DR

Councillors considered the application and whilst recognising that the proposal would increase off-road parking provision, councillors discussed whether sufficient space existed within the site to allow vehicles to safely manoeuvre before entering the highway. Cllr Mason proposed that the application be recommended for approval, with a comment for ensuring there is safe manoeuvring within the site. Seconded by Cllr Hunter.

It was **Resolved** to recommend approval with a comment regarding manoeuvring of vehicles.

PL/26/040/b New Tree Preservation Orders

No New Tree Preservation Orders had been received

PL/26/040/c New applications in hand, but not listed within the planning schedule

Members noted an application regarding the installation of a telecommunications pole on Stowmarket Road. The application had not been sent to the office. Previous applications of a similar nature have been supported by the committee due to the benefits associated with improved infrastructure.

PL/26/040/d Appeal Notifications

No appeal notifications had been received.



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PL/26/040/e Decisions received

Councillors discussed decision notices that had been received. It was requested that the document provided be updated for each meeting for presentation.

PL/26/041 Needham Market Neighbourhood 'Development' Plan Review

No further information had been received from the consultant, and it was agreed for the Clerk to make contact.

PL/26/042 To consider the impact of advertising in Needham Market's Conservation Area

Councillors discussed the impact of advertising and signage within the Conservation Area, and the impact and effect on the character of the town. It was agreed that this matter be considered further as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan review process.

PL/26/043 To receive any specific items from the Town Clerk or Presenting Officer

No specific items were reported

PL/26/044 To confirm the Date, Time and Location of the next town Council Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 6PM in the Green Room of Needham Market Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 18:51