

**NORTHSTOWE TOWN COUNCIL - PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES** of the meeting held on **9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**  
at The Cabin, Northstowe

Members: 6 - Cllr Owen (Chair); Littlemore (Vice-Chair); Cllr Benedicic; Cllr Bros Sabria; Cllr Nikoro; Cllr Sovago.  
Quorum: 4 Members.  
Present: 6 Members: Cllr Benedicic; Cllr Bros Sabria; Cllr Littlemore; Cllr Nikoro; Cllr Owen; Cllr Sovago.  
Town Clerk.  
Members of the public: 0.  
Apologies: N/A.  
Absent: N/A.

The meeting was opened at 20:02 pm. Cllr Owen took the Chair.

**01/24-25 APOLOGIES** (Standing item)

a) *To receive any apologies for absence received prior to the meeting.*  
None were received.

**02/24-25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Standing item)

a) *Councillors to declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any items on the agenda.*  
b) *Councillors to declare any prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda and to inform the Chair if they wish to speak on the matter during public participation.*  
There were no declarations of interest made.

**03/24-25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (Standing item)

a) *To adjourn the meeting for up to 15 mins. to allow members of the public, or Councillors declaring a prejudicial interest, to address the meeting in relation to business to be transacted at this meeting.*  
b) *To reconvene the meeting.*  
No members of the public were present. The Chair reconvened the meeting.

**04/24-25 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS** (Standing Item)

1) *To approve minutes of the 12 March '24 Planning Committee meeting as a true record of the meeting (attached).*  
It was proposed by Cllr Littlemore, seconded by Cllr Benedicic and **RESOLVED**, with 5 voting for and 1 abstaining, **to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12 March 2024 as a true record of that meeting.**

**05/24-25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS** (Standing item)

*To consider submitting a consultation response to the following planning applications:  
Application details can be accessed via the [South Cambs Planning Portal](#).*

i)	Information	23/02433/CONDE Hypro Eu Ltd Station Road Longstanton Cambridgeshire CB24 3DS Submission of details required by condition 7 (ecological enhancement) of planning permission 23/02433/FUL <a href="https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/02433/CONDE">https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/02433/CONDE</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation expiry date: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.</li> <li>• <b>Awaiting Decision</b> (at time of writing).</li> </ul>
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Noted. It was also noted that a decision on this application had been made on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 ('Discharge Condition in Full').

**06/24-25 APPLICATIONS WHERE NORTHSTOWE TC PROVIDED COMMENTS AND A PLANNING DECISION HAS BEEN MADE SINCE** (Standing item)

To note;

	<b>Application</b>	<b>Comments following resolution NTC meeting</b>	<b>Decision outcome G. C. Planning Service</b>
i)	23/04052/REM Phase 2 Northstowe Cambridgeshire. Reserved Matters application for site clearance and earthworks on Parcel 2C and the Waterpark Extension. The Reserved Matters include access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale and related partial discharge of conditions 1 and 23 pursuant to outline planning permission S/2011/14/OL. <a href="https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/04052/REM">https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/04052/REM</a>	<u>Planning Committee meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, item 53/23-24(ii)</u>	Granted Permission on 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.  See also <u>report</u> which addresses Town Council's comments made.
Noted.			
ii)	23/04270/FUL Land To North Of Station Road Oakington And Westwick. Construction of a primary electricity substation and associated development. <a href="https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/04270/FUL">https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/04270/FUL</a>	<u>Planning Committee meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, item 53/23-24(iii)</u>	Granted Permission on 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.  <u>Report</u> which highlights Town Council's objections made
It was noted that documents including the 'Response to Parish and Third Party Concerns' were unreadable on the planning portal. The <b>Clerk was tasked</b> to approach the Planning Services to highlight this and to request the documents.			
iii)	24/00565/HFUL 60 Rampton Drift Longstanton Cambridgeshire. Single storey extension to front. <a href="https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/24/00565/HFUL">https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/24/00565/HFUL</a>	<u>Planning Committee meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, item 79/23-24(xiv)</u>	Withdrawn on 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2024.
Noted.			

**07/24-25 CONSULTATIONS** (Standing item)

To consider submitting a response to the following consultations:

- 1) Cambridgeshire County Council – Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy. See Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS website for further information. LNRS survey for local groups and organisations - <https://forms.office.com/e/2ddKrVgDMV>. Deadline for consultation responses for organisations is 19 April 2024, 5pm (email shared with Cllrs.).

In a discussion the following key points were raised;

- Recommendation of a focus on creating opportunities for nature in new developments: ensuring standards are enhanced where possible, connectivity of habitats is achieved, and the potential of green and open spaces in new built areas is maximised wherever possible. Examples given are opportunities for hedgehog highways; playgrounds and play parks.
- The County Council's method of asking open questions, asking people what they want, rather than presenting detailed information was questioned; more detailed information is expected to which consultees can then respond to, considering the County Council's in-house expertise and their responsibility to ensure that a strategy is joined up across a wide area.

It was proposed by Cllr Bros Sabria, seconded by Cllr Owen and **RESOLVED**, with 4 voting for and 2 abstaining, **for the clerk to submit a response to this consultation including the above points raised.**

- 2) South Cambridgeshire District Council – Review of the Council's Street Trading Policy. Deadline for comments: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024. (email and draft, revised policy shared with Cllrs.).

Noted; no comments to be sent.

- 3) *South Cambridgeshire District Council – Review of the Council’s Statement of Principles/Policy under the Gambling Act 2005 which will expire in January 2025; there are no revisions proposed to the current vision. To view the existing policy: 2022 Statement of Gambling Act 2005 Policy (scambs.gov.uk). Deadline for comments: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024. (email shared with Cllrs.).*

Noted; no comments to be sent.

**08/24-25 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 1) *Email received from Cambridgeshire County Council’s Active Travel Officer, regarding potential for a car bike rack to be installed in the parish (email shared with Cllrs.).*

This item was **deferred** to Full Council.

**09/24-25 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS** (Standing item)

- a) *Planning Committee: Tue 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 8-9 pm; The Cabin, Northstowe.*

*[Final versions of motions & papers to be received by 03/05 at the latest].*

- b) *Full Council meeting: Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 (7-9 pm); venue: The Cabin, Northstowe.*

*[Final versions of motions & papers to be received by 13/04 at the latest]*

- *For all Council meetings and annual meeting schedule, see [www.northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.northstowetowncouncil.gov.uk)*

Noted.

The meeting was closed at 20:25 pm.

Signed .....

Chair of the Planning Committee

Date: .....