SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on **Tuesday 4th November 2025 at 6pm.**

Present; Cllrs; Gladwell, Goldsmith, Hurr, Flunder, Redington, Temple.

1 - Apologies:
To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllr Palmer had provided apologies.

2**- Declarations of interest:**
a. To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest regarding the agenda. Nil.
b. To receive any declarations of Other Registerable Interests regarding the agenda. Nil
c. To receive any declarations of Non-Registerable Interest. Nil.
d. To receive any request for dispensations regarding the agenda. Nil.
e. To receive details of any lobbying to members. Nil.

3. To approve minutes of meeting of 21st October 2025. Approved by all.

4 - To receive comments from the public on matters on the agenda Nil

5. Planning Matters:
a. To determine the Town Council response to the following applications: *See below for details of applications.*

DC/25/3671/FUL – Blyth Hotel. Southwold TC advise that as this is in a CA, Policy WLP 839 applies which states that applications should be of a high quality of design & materials in order to enhance or preserve the character & appearance of the area. As the windows being requested are UPVC, STC would suggest that these do not preserve or enhance as per the above policy & would request that timber materials be used as at present. Policy SWD6 of the NPlan applies in relation to the above. If ESC is minded to approve the application for UPVC - STC would request that timber be used on all visible elevations as a minimum as this is a highly visible site to all those entering the town and should therefore reflect the high quality requirements of the C Area.

DC/25/4051/FUL and DC/25/4503/LBC – 8 North Green. There were no objections to this application.

DC/23/2955/FUL – Childs Yard, Off Market Place. Please Clarify is it for 3 or 2 residential units. There is No updated Design & Access Statement. There are no measurements on revised plans with heights to compare. Feasibility and stability of the party wall is a real concern for the surrounding buildings. Disappointing that the applicant hasn't taken into account any of the comments made by Eloise Limmer in the Design and Conservation response. STC is concerned about the overbearing nature of the roof as seen from Mill Lane – the differing heights and impact. Also concerns over rain egress to number 2 The Stables.

Childs Yard was typical of Southwold's unique working courtyards, and this design does not enhance or preserve the Southwold Conservation Area and ESC should look to Refuse.

STC would recommend a site visit or an officer to revisit, as the condition of the wall is not now as reflected in the photos in the original Design & Access statement.

Trees
DC/25/4067/TCA – 13 St Edmunds Road. Noted.

DC/25/4128/TCA – 45 Stradbroke Road. Noted.

b. ESC decisions – *see attached.*

c. Applications to ESC Committee.
DC/25/0179/FUL & DC/25/0567/LBC – 17 Market Place. Cllr Flunder will attend ESC Planning meeting on 11th November 2025 subject to confirmation of the time of the meeting.

d. Any Planning Inspectorate Appeals Lodged.
AP/25/0018/REFUSE – The Coach House, Park Lane. Await decision.

e. Any licence applications/decisions to consider;
Suzie's Beach Café – premises licence. No objections.

f. Any consultations to consider.
Call for Sites – public notification. Dates noted.

g. ESC Enforcement action updates; Nil.

h. Any other planning matters;

i. Consider whether STC wishes to join East Suffolk Planning Alliance.
After discussion it was agreed that STC does not wish to join East Suffolk Planning Alliance.

6. **Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting:**
Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 6pm.