



SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on **Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 6pm.**

Present; Cllrs; Flunder, Goldsmith, Hurr and Redington. Also present the Town Clerk.

1. Apologies:

To receive and approve apologies for absence. Cllrs Gladwell, Palmer and Temple provided apologies. Noted.

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 receive comments from the public on matters on the agenda.

Nil.

4. To approve minutes of meeting of 16th December 2025. Approved by all.

5. Planning Matters:

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

DC/25/4341/Pier Pavilion, North Parade. – see full response submitted to ESC which includes the matters as below;

Previous application for hotel had been approved but Planning Policy has now changed, and N Plan is now in place.

Design/ Heritage – not traditional - External design – window – see Historic England. Lack of detail about materials. No Heritage Assessment.

Proposed rooms - There are no dimensions for the rooms – 11 seem too many - sizing cannot be gauged and need to be better detailed.

“Cladding” with insulation and over top - This will very much change the shape/size of the Pier. This is not in keeping with the area. Insulation/render will need to be very high spec for this location.

Design is not in keeping and is too large/ height is too tall – not what Southwold Pier is known for. Keep as is.

Parking - There are complaints lodged about loss of parking and council would support these comments. Southwold cannot lose parking especially when more accommodation is proposed within this application. Parking is an issue with increase in holiday homes.

The plans of the new build do not seem in the correct comparison with existing plans and there needs to be more clarity on these.

Heritage / tradition/ conservation - Southwold Pier is a unique design and should be kept in the tradition format/design that it is renowned for. It presently blends in with the surrounds.

Pier has one of the only sprung dance floors in the area and should be protected.
Listing?? For Pier??
Hotels on any other Pier?
Support making it more useful and useable for the community. (Might support less rooms/better quality). Retention of community use required.
Concerns re coastal erosion and coastal damage to pier and its occupants as it will be occupied 24/7.
Flood risk assessment – where is it?
Emergency evacuation arrangements? What are these?
To restore as is - there may be heritage funding which council more likely to support.
This unique pier has never had accommodation within it.
Loss of community facility - It has always been an entertainment venue with community facilities.

DC/25/3717/FUL – 5 Pinkney’s Lane

No objection

DC/25/4792/FUL – 34 Victoria Street

There were no objections to this application.

Woodley’s – conditions noted.

DC/24/4132/VOC – 15 North Parade

There were no objections to this application.

- b. ESC Decisions – Noted.
- c. Applications to ESC Committee. Nil.
- d. Any Planning Inspectorate Appeals Lodged. Nil.
- e. Any licence applications/decisions to consider. Nil.
- f. Any consultations to consider. Nil.
- g. ESC Enforcement action updates: Nil.

6. Date of next Planning and Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 6pm.

Signed

Dated