

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Office, Herne Centre, St Martin's View, Herne CT6 7AP

Minutes of the meeting of the Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Planning & Highways Committee held at the Herne Centre on Thursday 4th December 2025 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Blatherwick (Chairman)

Cllr Austin

Cllr Hill

Cllr Wilson

Michele Nicholson (Clerk/RFO)

1. To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Binstead, Cllr Checksfield, and Cllr Strong. Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.

2. To receive declarations of interest on items on the Agenda and requests for dispensations.

None.

3. To confirm the minutes of the planning meeting held on 6th November 2025.

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

To allow members of the public to speak about items on the agenda.

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

4. To receive a report from the Clerk, including any correspondence.

Nothing to report.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Comments on or by
25/01996	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Details submitted pursuant to condition 13 (Lighting) of planning permission CA/25/00111/RES	05/12/25
		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members made no comments.	
25/02054	46 Herne Street	Single-storey rear extension	12/12/25
		Members objected to this application. Members were concerned with the comments from the owners of the neighbouring property. The impact that the proposed development would have on the adjacent property warrants further discussion between both parties to resolve the issues raised. Members also raised concerns regarding disruption during construction. Should the council be mindful to approve this application conditions need to be set restricting delivery times and hours of work, to limit the impact on neighbouring properties and peak hours traffic.	
25/01558	26 Mill View Road	Side dormer together with hipped to gable roof extension (amended plans)	12/12/25
		Members made the same comments as previously. Members objected to this application.	

		Members raised concerns regarding the detrimental effect on the visual amenity of the area. Members also raised concerns regarding potential privacy and overlooking issues for neighbouring properties. Members commented that this development would be a further erosion of the small property housing stock.	
25/02192	2 Herne Street	T1 - To crown reduce Bay tree by 25% in both height and lateral spread (2 metres) and shape leaving screen in rear garden to bring it back into shape. Crown before - 6m / crown after - 4m	
		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members agreed with the Tree Warden's comments. No objection so long as the works are done outside of the bird nesting season. It will soon regrow.	
25/02159	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Non-material amendment to planning permission CA/24/01689/FUL for the Reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale for development of Phases C and D consisting of 296 residential properties, alongside the provision of all associated infrastructure, parking, servicing, landscaping, utilities, and open space, pursuant to outline planning permission CA/15/01317/OUT; to allow an additional electricity substation located on the western side of the site, removal of ground floor flank windows to 21 different plots, Block A refuse store relocated from end of block to a position adjacent to the stairwell, Block B removal of side door to the bin store and Block C refuse store relocated from end of block to a position adjacent to the stairwell with plot 78 increasing the size of the unit from 50.40sq.m to 51.11 sq.m. together with house type 438 to include additional ground floor window on rear elevation	23/12/25
		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members made no comments.	
25/02186	15 Dean Croft	First floor extension to existing garage	02/01/26
		Members objected to this application. Members raised concerns regarding the detrimental impact to the street scene. The proposed development would be overbearing, creating an almost terracing effect.	

Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered.

25/01558 26 Mill View Road

25/02192 2 Herne Street

25/02159 Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road

25/02186 15 Dean Croft

Applications approved by CCC:

25/01830 47 Lower Herne Road

25/01808 1 Falcon Close

25/01951 49 Herne Street

25/01944 17 Ash Close

25/01760 38 Vinten Close

25/01805 10 Ridgeway Road

25/01804 25 Dean Croft

Applications refused by CCC:

25/01732 8 Holness Road

To discuss any Highways issues.

Cllrs Austin and Blatherwick made a site visit to the area of Herne Street (A291) by St. Martin's Church and Herne P.O. They looked at possible solutions to the issues of large vehicles mounting the pavements. One possibility could be installing a yellow hatched area on the approach to the roundabout coming from Herne Bay direction. Until the Herne Relief Road is completed there are limited options available to resolve the issues.

Cllr Blatherwick reported that there was overgrown vegetation restricting the path adjacent to 28 Herne Street. **Action: clerk.**

The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with KCC Highways in the new year to discuss the worsening problems and any possible solutions. The city and county councillors to be included. **Action: clerk.**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.