

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 June 2026 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Blatherwick (Chairman)

Cllr Binstead

Cllr Strong

Michele Nicholson (Clerk/RFO)

1. To elect a Chairman and Vice-chairman.

Cllr Blatherwick was elected as Chairman.

Cllr Wilson was elected as Vice Chairman.

2. To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Checksfield and Cllr Hill. Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.

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

None were given.

4. To confirm the minutes of the planning meeting held on 7th May 2026.

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.

Three members of the public were present.

Two spoke regarding application 26/00026.

One was concerned that due to where the nursery is sited it is difficult to access by public transport and on foot, especially with children or with a disability.

The other spoke to object to the application. They raised concerns regarding possible breaches of the conditions set in the granting of the original planning permission (10/00547). This is in respect of plant and equipment stored on the site.

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

The Clerk made the following report:

Mill Lane/School Lane/Broomfield Road junction: the double line extension request has been submitted.

Albion Lane: the double yellow lines not reinstated following the carriageway repairs has been reported.

Busheyfields Road: the potholes have been reported.

26/00305 120 Ridgeway Road: an additional elevation drawing for the conservatory has been submitted.

6. To approve the Terms of Reference for the Planning & Highways Committee.

Members approved the Terms of Reference for the Planning & Highways Committee.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Comments on or by
26/00748	Snowcroft, 20 Curtis Wood Park Road	Single storey rear extension and front porch following demolition of rear conservatory	05/06/26

		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members made no comments.	
26/00757	5 Sherwood Close	Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey rear extension	12/06/26
		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members considered the objection that had been received. Members commented that the application appeared to fall within the bounds of permitted development.	
26/00026	The Barn, Goldfinch	Variation of condition 2 (drawings) of planning permission CA/24/00766 for Change of use of log store to create additional space for the existing children's nursery; to allow extension of nursery accommodation into existing storage area within barn, installation of additional doors and windows to eastern and southern elevations, and replacement roof (re-consultation following change in description)	05/06/26
		Members objected to this application. Members raised concerns regarding possible breaches of the conditions set in the granting of the original planning permission (10/00547). This is in respect of plant and materials stored on the site. Conditions 2 and 4 state that all open areas are cleared of plant and materials to ensure on-site parking and manoeuvring space is maximised. The existing site and block plans suggest that some of the open areas are being used for this. The tree surgery business does have another site where plant and materials could be stored. Members were still very concerned about the generation of extra traffic and the lack of parking in the area for any additional staff. Additional parking should be found on site.	
26/00862	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Details submitted pursuant to conditions 23 (tree protection scheme) and 25 (energy strategy) of planning permission CA//15/01317/OUT	26/06/26
		Members objected to the energy strategy. Members were extremely disappointed that there is no intention to install Solar Photovoltaics (PV) or Solar Thermal panels during construction. Members felt that this is a major retrograde step. It is unclear what is meant by "homes will be solar-ready". Does this mean that the necessary wiring will be in place. Additionally, will the roof structures be sufficient to support the weight of PV panels. The statement "hierarchical measures are estimated to achieve a 61% reduction in regulated CO ₂ emissions" is extremely misleading as this implies the installation of PV panels.	

		These homes will be reliant on electricity for all their heating needs, so any measures that offset these costs should be adopted.	
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Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered.

26/00862 Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road

Applications approved by CCC:

26/00565 Boundary of Canterbury Road, rear of Falcon Close

To discuss any Highways issues:

Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) Review meeting with Briony Chaplin (KCC Highways Community Engagement Officer (Canterbury)) held on 4th June 2026.

The meeting was attended by the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Davis, and County Cllr Mulvihill.

Streetfield school parking:

Parish council to provide feedback from the Day of Action to Jennie Watson (KCC Highways).

KCC to refresh the No Entry carriageway signs, if necessary.

Briony to ask Iona Rogulski (KCC School Travel Planner) to contact Herne Infant School regarding putting together a School Travel Plan.

Mill Lane:

KCC to install pedestrian warning signs and SLOW markings where there is no footpath.

School Lane:

KCC to investigate the possibility of installing a concealed entrance sign opposite School Lane Car Park, for Orchard Row.

SLOW carriageway markings are due to be installed on all approaches to the mini roundabout.

Broomfield grass triangle:

The Clerk to provide Briony with the contact details of the KCC officer contacted regarding getting a Cultivation Licence.

Eddington Interchange:

KCC to look at the possibility of additional signage to indicate the lines traffic to take at the roundabouts.

Canterbury Road/Curtis Wood Road junction:

Request to cut overgrown vegetation submitted.

Cllr Binstead reported that three cars had overturned in Lower Herne Road within the last year. These have occurred on the stretch of road between Home Farm and the old Strode Farm. She asked whether it would be possible to have some warning signage installed. **Action: Clerk.**

Meeting closed at 8.35pm