

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 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Wilson (Chairman)

Cllr Binstead

Cllr Checksfield

Cllr Strong

Joanne McCann (Assistant Clerk)

1. To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Austin and Cllr Hill. Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted.

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

None were given.

3. To confirm the minutes of the planning meeting held on 5th February 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.

No members of the public were present.

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

Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Responses to the parking article in the newsletter:

Email from a resident of Pond Cottages. They are against stopping vehicles parking on the grass triangle. They think parking on the triangle and along the verges is necessary.

Some of the comments they made are:

It is either residents of Pond Cottages, who don't have space to park by their own home, visitors to residents, visitors to the pond, or people working at/dropping off to/picking up from the nursery.

Some solutions they have suggested:

Reducing the speed limit in the area to 20mph. They think reducing the speed limit and signage for children crossing should be seriously considered.

Resident/visitor/staff parking permits, but resident permits should be free.

20 minute only spaces for pick up / drop off at the nursery.

Signage to make Pond Cottages a private road. Apparently, there is a problem with learner drivers using it as a route for their lessons/tests and people using it as a cut through.

Email from a Broomfield resident regarding commercial vehicles taking up on-street parking. They feel it is a growing problem and say Hunters Forstal/Kingsfield/Peartree Roads have nearly 20 vans in on-street parking spaces.

Two residents of Streetfield phoned asking about the meeting. One will be attending along with one of the invited residents.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Comments on or by
26/00230	16 Busheyfields Road	Single-storey front and side extensions together with two-storey rear extension following demolition of existing single-storey side extension. Members supported this application.	13/03/26

		Members stated that the house is set back from the road and was very small. They supported increasing the size of living accommodation.	
26/00177	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Details submitted pursuant to conditions 11 (bus stops) and 12 (PROW) of planning permission CA/21/01800/RES Members neither supported nor objected to this application. Members made the following comments: The bus stops are situated in the road, there is no layby, which means the traffic will be impeded every time a bus stops. This will be the main road between Canterbury and Herne Bay so this may mean significant delays. The Members support the use of public transport but believe the road layout should be reconfigured with the bus stops off the road. Members agreed that bus shelters would be needed to shelter school children and the public using the bus. The PROW Members agreed that they are concerned about the surface that has been proposed to be used. This footpath will see an increase in users with the large-scale housing development, with school children and residents needing access to the Redrow Estate and Schools. The surface has been used already in the Redrow and is in need of replacement. The path currently suffers with being waterlogged so a tarmac path with suitable run-off would be preferable and more usable. The Members were happy with the change in path route to allow the crossing to be better placed.	06/03/26
26/00242	8 Holness Road	Use of existing garage as a home office and storage. Members neither supported or objected to this application. Members commented that the change of use cannot affect the neighbour's wall.	13/03/26
26/00246	40 Peartree Road	Extension of existing vehicular access Members neither supported or objected to this application. Members commented that it would further limit on street parking.	13/03/26
26/00117	Herne Bay Table Table, The Boulevard	Proposed alterations to fenestrations at ground and first floor levels of existing restaurant; replacement cladding; installation of new and replacement plant to first floor flat roof; erection of rear refuse service enclosure following demolition of existing single storey rear extension; alterations to parking, landscaping and boundary treatments. Outside the parish but affects it. 65 objections, 3 in support. Objections to increased traffic, noise, smells, littering. Members commented that although this is outside the Parish, it will affect the Parish and its residents. The	27/02/26

		Members objected to the application on the grounds of increased traffic and the infrastructure is insufficient to support the traffic. The roundabout is too small and does not allow for free flow of traffic currently. With the increase in development of the area, the Parish Council believe in the initial planning approval for the Altra Park, the roundabout would be upgraded to support the additional vehicle movements as the development progressed. This has not happened.	
26/00329	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Non-material amendment to planning permission CA/25/00111/RES for the reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale for development of Phase B consisting of 104 residential properties, demolition of no. 1 and no. 2 Strode Farm Cottages 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 widening of footpath/cycleway on eastern boundary, changes to parking bay allocation and width of parking spaces for M4(2) plots together with changes to boundary fence locations on plots 7, 8, 35 and 42 Members neither supported nor objected this application The members thought it was good the path was made wider to encourage people to walk or cycle	25/03/26

Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered.

26/00329 Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road

Applications approved by CCC:

23/02244 & 23/02245 The Old Malt House, 47 Herne Street

24/01903 North of Bullockstone Road/Canterbury Road Roundabout, South of Thanet Way

25/01248 Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road

25/01996 Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road

25/01612 Land at Herne Bay Golf Course, Thanet Way A2990

25/01613 Land at Herne Bay Golf Course, Thanet Way A2990

25/02320 5 Aspen Road

25/02323 163 Margate Road, South of Thanet Way

25/02347 82 School Lane

25/02375 1 Chapel Cottages, Bogshole Lane

26/00125 129 Ridgeway Road

26/00018 Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road

Applications withdrawn:

25/02366 Land at Herne Bay Golf Course, Thanet Way A2990

To discuss any Highways issues.

Martin Vye (Canterbury Alliance for Sustainable Transport): re: setting up District Bus Users' Group. Having meeting end of March, inviting Stagecoach. Asking for suggestions and problems regarding bus services locally. The Members would like Stagecoach to consider at least one of the 600 routes (Herne

Bay to Canterbury) to go through the new Strode Farm development when it opens. There will be a lot of residents working and going to school in Canterbury and this will be a much more sustainable way to travel. Also, this will see the removal of traffic out of the village and using the bypass as it was always intended.

Members would like Stagecoach also to consider a bus service to the Redrow estate, as it was always intended in the planning approval, to have a bus service. There are a lot of families that could use the bus but currently are not covered by any service.

Kingsfield Road/Mill Lane junction: request for double yellow lines. Request was submitted in 2023 and refused following 2024 public consultation due to objections. More residents are in support this time. Members suggested that residents need to confirm their wishes before the Parish Council support another application for double yellow lines.

Meeting closed 8.22pm