

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 7th May 2026 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Blatherwick (Chairman)

Cllr Hill

Cllr Strong

Cllr Wilson

Michele Nicholson (Clerk/RFO)

1. To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Binstead and Cllr Checksfield. 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 2nd April 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.

The Clerk made the following report:

26/00305 120 Ridgeway Road: Canterbury City Council (CCC) has requested a full arboricultural report as the proposed garage may be within the 15m Ancient Woodland buffer zone. It is also likely that the footprint of the structures will be within the Root Protection Area of woodland trees.

26/00534 Land at Hillsborough: reserved matters application for Phase 4C has been submitted.

Contacted Kent County Council (KCC) Highways regarding the pothole repairs in Albion Lane.

Was advised that these were temporary and permanent repairs would be undertaken in due course.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Comments on or by
26/00543	Ridley Mead, Ridley Close	T1-Conifer Tree, remove to ground level. T2-Sycamore, prune tree back 3 metres from public pathway. T3-Hazel, prune tree by 2 metres and remove crossing branches and damaged limbs.	28/04/26
		This application had already been decided. Members agreed with the Tree Warden's comments. Not opposed to this work, although concerned that felling the conifer may cause heave, as there is already damage to the garage. As there is a lot of growth adjacent to all the trees, work should not take place during the bird nesting season.	

26/00417	Land off 6 The Boulevard, Altira Park	Erection of a Class E(a) (retail) foodstore, together with new vehicular access, parking, landscaping, installation of plant and machinery, and other associated works.	17/04/26
		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members raised concerns regarding the existing highway infrastructure. The roundabout at the Margate Road Interchange is insufficient to support the additional traffic in the area. The Parish Council believes that the original planning permission granted for the Altira Park and neighbouring developments stated that the roundabout would be upgraded in line with the progression of the development, to support the additional vehicle movements generated. This has not happened. There are grave concerns that stationary traffic will end up backed on to the A299, which will create a major safety issue. There is a requirement that traffic remains free flowing at all times. Members also raised a concern that should permission be granted to build this proposed Aldi store this does not result in the closure of the existing Aldi store in Herne Bay.	
26/00565	Boundary of Canterbury Road, Rear of Falcon Close	T2 Cypress - Crown reduce by 4m in height and 2m in width on boundary	08/05/26
		Members supported this application. Members agreed with the Tree Warden's comments. This tree and the one close by are important in the street scene. Think it is a pity that the property was built so close to the tree. However, if cut back professionally, it should continue to grow albeit not in its natural shape. Members commented that the works should be undertaken outside of the bird nesting season.	
26/00664	Braggs Lane Farm, Braggs Lane	Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling	05/06/26
		Members objected to this application. Members objected to this application as it would set a precedent for further development in Braggs Lane. Braggs Lane is a narrow country lane that is totally unsuitable for supporting the additional traffic that further development would create. The lack of sustainability in this area has been proven with other applications that have been submitted and refused, including on appeal (for example 23/01263).	

		Members upheld the request by CCC Environmental Health for a Contaminated Land Risk Assessment to be undertaken should permission be granted. Members commented that they would be minded to object should an application for prior approval be submitted.	
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Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered.

No other applications were submitted.

Applications approved by CCC:

26/00242 8 Holness Road

26/00246 40 Peartree Road

26/00298 18 Ruskins View

26/00421 7 Shepherdsgate Drive

26/00466 46 Margate Road

26/00543 Ridley Mead, Ridley Close

26/00378 33 Hawe Farm Way

26/00527 Robin's Hedge, Chapel Row

To discuss any Highways issues:

Parking issues at the junction of Mill Lane/School Lane/Broomfield Road.

Cllr Blatherwick reported that cars were parking close to the junction, reducing visibility. It may be possible to extend the existing double yellow lines that are on the corner further along Mill Lane.

Members agreed to submit a request to extend the double yellow lines. **Action: Clerk.**

Carriageway signage at the Eddington Lane Interchange.

Cllr Blatherwick reported that the set of arrows painted on the carriageway, indicating left lane for A299W and right lane for all other traffic, get obscured by stationary traffic resulting in vehicles getting in the wrong lane. The possibility that another set of arrows be installed on the carriageway was raised but members commented that the road may not be wide enough to do this. Cllr Blatherwick proposed that this be raised with KCC Highways at the upcoming Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) review meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Strong asked whether there had been an update yet regarding the Broomfield grass triangle. The Clerk will raise this at the HIP review meeting. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Blatherwick reported that where KCC Highways had undertaken the carriageway repairs in Albion Lane the double yellow lines had not been reinstated. **Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Blatherwick reported that the road surface in Busheyfields Road, by Busheyfields Farm, was disintegrating and becoming dangerous. There also appears to be water constantly on the surface and lots of loose gravel. **Action: Clerk.**

Meeting closed at 8.10pm