

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 2nd July 2026 at 7.30pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present:

Cllr Blatherwick (Chairman)

Cllr Binstead

Cllr Checksfield

Cllr Strong

Michele Nicholson (Clerk/RFO)

1. To receive apologies for absence and accept reasons.

Cllr Wilson. 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 4th June 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.

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

The Clerk made the following report:

Ford Road/Broomfield Road junction: Kent County Council has been contacted again regarding the Cultivation Licence.

Lower Herne Road: more reports of heavy goods vehicles regularly using this.

Reference	Address	Proposal	Comments on or by
26/00973	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Details submitted pursuant to condition 6 (Cycle Storage) of planning permission CA/24/01689/RES	10/07/26
		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members agree with the comments made by Kent County Council Highways regarding the missing cycle storage provisions for some of the properties. "It should be ensured that cycle stores are provided in the plots of these gardens. It should also be confirmed that every rear garden with cycle storage has an outside entrance to allow for cycle access, as the plan J6303- C-XX-S-185 C2, appears to be missing annotated garden gates."	
26/00974	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Non-material amendment to planning permission CA/23/00723/VAR for the Variation of condition 1 (drawings) of planning permission CA/21/01800/RES for the Reserved matters	03/07/26

		application for the approval of appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale for development of Phase A consisting of 128 residential units, 207 square metres of commercial floorspace, and provision of the first phase of the Herne Relief Road, 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 amendments to the external elevations of Block B and C (windows and balconies) to ensure consistency with plots numbering and associated allocated parking together with exchange 207sq.m of commercial floor space for 4no affordable housing units	
		Members objected to this application. Members raised concerns regarding the reduction of the community provision, as this is not delivering what was promised and could create isolation for the residents. Having commercial space on site supports sustainable development and reduces car dependency. Removing this community provision would be contrary to Canterbury District Local Plan 2017 SP1 Sustainable Development planning policy, which should be adhered to.	
26/00975	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Details submitted pursuant to condition 14 (Landscaping) and condition 16 (External Lighting) of planning permission CA/24/01689/RES	10/07/26
		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members agreed with the comments made by Canterbury City Council regarding the tree species selection.	
26/00976	Strode Farm, Lower Herne Road	Details submitted pursuant to condition 6 (Haul Road) of planning permission CA/24/01336/RES	10/07/26
		Members neither objected to nor supported this application. Members raised concerns regarding how the pumping station would be accessed in the long term for maintenance and repairs. Will the temporary haul road become a permanent road. Will the residential roads on site be suitable for heavy goods vehicles.	
26/01022	29 School Lane	T1-Field Maple, reduce tree by approximately 50% and re-shape all round located in the front garden	07/07/26
		Members supported this application. Members agreed with the Tree Warden's comments. It is an important visible tree in the Conservation Area, however due to its proximity to the house and adjacent footpath it needs to be reduced.	

		Have no objection to the reduction, provided it is carried out by a professional tree surgeon and outside of the bird nesting season. Maples are best pruned between November and January.	
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Any applications submitted prior to the meeting will be considered.

Applications approved by CCC:

26/00757 5 Sherwood Close

26/00748 Snowcroft, 20 Curtis Wood Park Road

To discuss any Highways issues:

Cllr Checksfield reported that the dip on the A299 slip road, south side between Margate Road and the Eddington Interchange, has worsened. **Action: Clerk.**

Meeting closed at 8.30pm