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Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th February 2026

Present: Mrs M Dormer (Chairman), Mr A Burton, Mrs A King, Mr A Podmore, Mr M Sheldon and Mrs J White

In Attendance: Ms N Ripert (Clerk) & Mr A Symonds

Public Question Time: Representatives for the proposed development at Chownes Mead (Chownes Mead Lane, Cuckfield), attended the meeting to present their proposal to make minor alterations to the previous planning permissions granted in August 2021 and to propose an alternative design to the previously permitted pool house to incorporate a spa and other facilities.

PL134 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllrs Oversby-Powell and Kyle offered their apologies which were accepted.

PL135 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda. (*The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it.*)

None

PL136 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2026.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2026 were noted and approved.

PL137 To consider the proposed development for Chownesmead, Chownes Mead Lane, that was previously granted planning permission and listed building consent in August 2018 to be converted into a small boutique hotel (planning reference DM/18/2193 & DM/18/2201)

Committee noted that the amendments to the proposed development had not yet been submitted to the planning authority. However, the committee welcomed the presentation provided by the applicant's representatives, which will assist them in formulating its comments once the planning application was formally received.

PL138 To note the Planning Action List.

Actions were noted.

PL139 To consider the following Planning Applications:

a) DM/26/0156 & 0213: Heathfield House High Street

Proposed internal alterations, alterations to rear external door and pv panels on internal roof.

Comment: No objection

b) DM/26/0265: Summer Lodge Copyhold Lane

Variation of condition nos 2, 5, 6 and 7 relating to planning application DM/25/1882 - Condition 2 (Approved Plans) to incorporate revised landscape proposals, including an open swimming pool and pool/plant house, a greenhouse and tree planting, together with the submission of details to address Conditions 5 (Natural England demolition licence), 6 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) and 7 (Foul and surface water drainage).

Comment: No objection

c) DM/26/0252: Holy Trinity Church Church Street

T001 - Irish Yew Gently lift off path to 2.4m by removing secondary growth. T004 - Irish Yew Gently lift off path to 2.4m by removing secondary growth, T006 - Yew reduced back away from the memorial by 2m

Comment: No comment

d) DM/25/3206: Oakmead Broad Street

Demolition of existing garage/shed, and construction of extension to the rear of the property (revised plans received 02.02.2026).

Comment: No objection

PL140 To receive an update regarding the Public Open Space and Landscape Plans at the Bylanes/Buttinghill Drive development.

No further updates were available.

PL141 To receive an update regarding the proposed Cuckstye development to the south of Cuckfield.

Committee noted that Fairfax had submitted an appeal, which will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate on the basis of an inquiry scheduled to start on 9th June 2026.

Cllr Burton confirmed that solicitors had been engaged to prepare the CPC's response to the appeal.

PL142 To receive an update on the Sugworth Farm land allocated for new homes through the Mid Sussex District Plan.

Committee noted that the site had been allocated for the development of 150 new homes and that a new proposed upgrade to the the Hanlye Lane roundabout had been put forward to support the potential scheme.

The Clerk was instructed to contact the planning consultant to review the previously submitted report and to re-submit the CPC's objection in advance of the forthcoming planning application.

PL143 To receive an update regarding the review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

No further updates were available.

PL144 To note any planning and/or appeal decisions received from Mid Sussex District Council.

a) DM/25/2840: Chilcotts Whitemans Green

Two storey side and rear extension. Alterations to porch, fenestration and entrance.

CPC: No objection, however Committee expressed concerns about the height of the proposed fencing.

MSDC: Permission Granted

PL145 To consider impacts on Neighbourhood Plan monitoring indicators and targets from MSDC decisions, and to update CPC monitoring data.

None

PL146 To note items arising after the preparation of this agenda which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting only or deferral to a future meeting only.

None

Meeting Closed at 8.09pm

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