



Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held at The Hub, Fernhurst at 6.30pm, on 20 May 2026.

**Councillors Participating:** Cllr Peter Bellet, Cllr Heather Bicknell, Cllr John Buchanan (Chair), Cllr Graham Inns, Cllr Chris Lloyd and Cllr Cayte Pearce

**Also present:** Mrs E Ford (Clerk), Cllrs Margaret Jenkins and Rebecca Stroud-Matthews, and two members of the public

**P/27/26 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Graeme Willilamson.

**P/28/26 Declaration of Interests.**

Cllr Bicknell declared a personal interest in application ref. SDNP/26/01185/CND, Russex Rill, Bell Vale Lane and elected not to take part in the determination of the comment.

**P/29/26 To Approve Minutes of the Meeting on 29 April 2026**

**Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting on 29 April 2026**

**P/30/26 Public Representations**

Two residents raised concerns regarding road safety on the A286 in the area of the proposed application ref. SDNP/26/01185/CND and the difficulty for vehicles joining the A286 safely due to limited sightlines and also traffic regularly exceeding the speed limit.

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**P/31/26 PLANNING & APPEAL APPLICATIONS:**

**a) SDNP/26/01185/CND, Russex Rill , Bell Vale Lane, Fernhurst, GU27 3DJ**

**Proposal:** Demolition of the existing tennis court. Erection of a 2 no. semi-detached dwellings with associated access road, amenity space and landscaping - Application under Section 73 of planning permission SDNP/25/04534/FUL for the removal of Conditions 1, 2 and 3 and the addition of new conditions relating to timescales, plan details, materials, arboricultural methods and boundary treatments.

*Cllr Jenkins arrived at the meeting*

**DECISION:** Cllr Bicknell, having declared a personal interest in the application, elected not to take part in the determination of the Parish Council comment. The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the response that, in light of the public representation received, the Parish Council objected to the application as it did not believe that road safety could be adequately safeguarded for the access onto the A286.

**b) SDNP/26/00976/FUL, Hawksfold Farm, Vann Road, Fernhurst, GU27 3JP**

**Proposal:** Installation of ground mounted solar panel array, cabling and associated works.

**DECISION:** The application was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the comment to support the application.

**c) South Downs Local Plan (Proposed Submission) for Regulation 19 (Publication) consultation**

It was noted that the Parish Council had objected to the proposed new housing site at Land at Hawksfold, Fernhurst at the Regulation 18 consultation stage. This was on account of the proposal not following the form of development included in the Neighbourhood Plan which would conserve the character of the village. No new sites had been included at this Regulation 19 stage. **ACTION: Clerk** to contact the SDNPA Planning Policy team to request that the Parish Council was notified should any new sites be proposed in the later stages of the Local Plan revision.

*Cllr Stroud-Matthews joined the meeting*

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**P/20/26 PLANNING & APPEAL DECISIONS:**

Planning Decisions were reported to Councillors prior to the meeting and have been included as Appendix A (separate document).

**Date of Next Meeting:** TBC

Meeting closed at 7.00 pm

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**Date:**

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