FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Committee Meeting Wednesday 10 June 2026 Minutes

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held in Fernhurst Village Hall at 7.00pm, on 10 June 2026.

Councillors Participating: Cllr Heather Bicknell, Cllr John Buchanan (Chair), Cllr Graham Inns, Cllr Chris Lloyd, Cllr Cayte Pearce and Cllr Graeme Williamson

Also present: Mrs E Ford (Clerk) and two members of the public

P/27/26 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED: to accept apologies from Cllr Peter Bellet.

P/28/26 Declaration of Interests.
Cllr Williamson declared an interest in application ref. SDNP/26/02052/FUL, Pondfield Farm and Stud, as a neighbour of the property but would take part in the determination of the comment.

P/29/26 To Approve Minutes of the Meeting on 20 May 2026

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting on 20 May 2026

P/30/26 Public Representations
Two residents provided information on highways matters relating to planning application ref. SDNP/26/01185/CND, Russex Rill, Bell Vale Lane. Cllr Buchanan provided feedback. The Parish Council had determined the comment on the application at the meeting on 20th May 2026.

The residents left the meeting

P/31/26 PLANNING & APPEAL APPLICATIONS:

a) SDNP/26/02001/LDE , Keepers Cottage & Poachers Cottage Midhurst Road Fernhurst GU27 3EX
Proposal: Existing lawful development certificate for the subdivision and operation of building as two independent dwellings (Use Class C3) in excess of 4 years.

DECISION: The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the response of no comment.

b) SDNP/26/02031/HOUS, 19 Homelands Copse Fernhurst GU27 3JQ
Proposal: First floor side extension, single storey side extension and solar panels

DECISION: The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment of no objection.

It was decided to consider item d), planning application ref. SDNP/26/01657/HOUS *at this point in the meeting*

d) SDNP/26/01657/HOUS, 8 Merle Way Fernhurst West Sussex GU27 3NB
Proposal: Alterations to fenestration on front and rear elevations, 1 no. proposed roof light to front elevation and installation of cladding on front and rear elevations.

DECISION: The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment of no objection in principle but the Parish Council did object to the addition of a fourth rooflight and would like it to be removed from the proposed works.

c) SDNP/26/02052/FUL, Pondfield Farm and Stud Midhurst Road Fernhurst GU27 3HA
Proposal: Removal of 1 no. existing static caravan and erection of 1 no. new farmhouse

DECISION: The application was discussed and it was RESOLVED to submit the comment to object as the application enabled the establishment of a permanent dwelling outside the settlement boundary, against the SDNPA Local Plan policy, the Fernhurst Neighbourhood Plan and the NPPF, and the Parish Council could see no justification to over-ride these policies. The Parish Council also disputed that permission had been granted for a permanent dwelling as previously the consent was for a removable dwelling with a time bound condition based on the lifetime of the business. The proposed structure would not be removable and no workable condition could be applied which would ensure its removal.

P/32/26 PLANNING & APPEAL DECISIONS:
Planning Decisions have been included as Appendix A (separate document).

Date of Next Meeting: TBC

Meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed…… Date: