



HIGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highley Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held in the HPC office of The Severn Centre on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 6pm

Present: Cllrs T. Pinches (Chair), P. Vinall, D. Thakrar, S. Bunn.

Clerk: Alison Palmer

County Councillor: Sharon Ritchie-Simmons

Members of public: There were 11 members of the public.

01. Apologies for Absence : Cllrs T. Quinn, H. Hancox.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies.

02. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

03. Parishioners Question Time

Members of the public raised concerns regarding ongoing works at land known as “Silverwoods” Issues reported included damage to tyres caused by material left on the road by lorries accessing the site, and difficulties for elderly residents using mobility vehicles due to the condition of the access. A near-miss incident involving site traffic was noted. It was highlighted that no current planning permission exists for the works, and a planning breach has been reported. Reference was made to the original application (21/01129/FUL), which was revoked on 29 March 2023.

Further concerns included the presence of Japanese knotweed and Great Crested Newts on the site, the sale of the land last year, and the frequent use of the site by six-axle lorries (estimated 5–10 per day), resulting in mud on the road and hazardous conditions. The Chair invited SRS to respond. SRS reported that a site visit had been undertaken by Julian Beeston, who instructed the landowner to clear and repair affected areas. SRS has also contacted the Traffic Management Team regarding potential restrictions on heavy vehicles using Netherton Lane. The matter is now with Enforcement for review, including issues relating to the brook and landscaping, and an update is expected within a week.

04. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**

05. Members are requested to make comment on the following applications:

Reference: **26/00001/COU**

View the application directly online: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=T878UQTDFFL00>

CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:

PLANNING REFERENCE - 26/00001/COU

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Change of use of a holiday let into a single residential dwelling

LOCATION: - Brooksmouth Barn, Severn Side, Highley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

SUPPORT

Reference: **26/00030/FUL**

View the application directly online: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=T8ENM3TDFHH00>

CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE:

PLANNING REFERENCE - 26/00030/FUL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Erection of part single storey part two storey extension to side/rear elevations

LOCATION: - 16 Yew Tree Grove, Woodhill, Highley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

SUPPORT

Reference: **26/00196/FUL**

View the application directly online: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=T942Z5TDFRK00>

CONSULTATION EXPIRY DATE: 2nd March 2026

PLANNING REFERENCE - 26/00196/FUL

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED - Change of use of land for siting 18 single holiday static caravans and associated works

LOCATION: - Proposed Holiday Lodges To The West Of, Netherton Road, Highley, Shropshire.

OBJECT – The Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

- Insufficient information has been provided to allow the proposal to be properly assessed.
- Access arrangements are inadequate, with concerns regarding safety, suitability and capacity.
- No sewerage or drainage strategy has been submitted, leaving significant uncertainty regarding foul and surface-water management.
- Access to the site is insufficient, particularly in relation to vehicle movements and emergency access.
- The proposal risks causing significant damage to the existing highway network, which is already under pressure.

- The development would have a detrimental impact on the landscape, wildlife and the local environment.

Item 6 – Any Planning Breaches to Report and Action Required

Members reviewed photographs of Netherton Lane and raised concerns about the worsening road condition, noting that Julian Beeston from Shropshire Council’s Planning Enforcement Team has recently visited to assess the damage. They recommended arranging an on-site meeting with residents, the County Councillor and a Planning Enforcement Officer to demonstrate the extent of the deterioration and access issues.

The Committee agreed that the matter should be considered for escalation as a potential breach, including raising concerns relating to application 21/01129/FUL, which outlined the procedures that should have been followed when the land was last sold.

Members reiterated that infrastructure must be delivered before any further development proceeds and noted that a breach order has already been issued regarding The Castle Inn.

Action: Clerk to raise breach of planning regarding application Ref: 21/01129/FUL

07. Updates to respond back to Committee from previous action:

MP Stuart Anderson has responded to the Coombys Farm escalation letter and confirmed that he will be contacting the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council to seek comments on the Parish’s behalf. No response has yet been received from either the Leader or Deputy Leader of Shropshire Council.

08. Next Meeting Date Tuesday 3rd March 2026

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Dated:

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