



HIGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 12/5/2026 at 6pm Severn Centre, Highley

MINUTES

Present: Councillor T. Pinches (Chair) T. Quinn, S. Bunn, D. Thakrar, H. Hancox

Clerk: Alison Palmer

County Councillor: Sharon Ritchie-Simmons

01. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Vinalls resignation was noted.

Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12, para.40.

02. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

03. Parishioners' Question Time

There were no members of public present

04. Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 21st April 2026**. *Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12, para.41(1).*

05. Planning Applications

There were no current applications received for discussion.

Power: Town and Country Planning Act 1990; Local Government Act 1972, s.101.

06. Standing Agenda Item: County Councillor Report

Bus Shelter Update The County Councillor reported that Shropshire Council has confirmed its support for the **original proposed location** of the new bus shelter near **Netherton Workshops**, positioned on the grass verge.

New England Lane – HGV Restriction An update was provided regarding New England Lane. Shropshire Council is exploring the feasibility of installing **size limiters** on both sides of the ford to reinforce the existing HGV restriction. A **site visit is scheduled for 12th June**.

Malt Shovel – Fence and Fire Incident Shropshire Regulatory Services (SRS) responded to residents' concerns regarding the fencing around the Malt Shovel and the recent fire. The enforcement team attended promptly and **found no issues requiring action**.

Local Plan – Request for Agenda Item The County Councillor requested that an **update on the Local Plan from SRS** be added to the **June Planning Committee agenda** for discussion.

Enforcement Updates SRS provided further enforcement updates:

- **Castle Area Planting:** Contact has been attempted with the landowner regarding planting along the Castle boundary; however, **no response has been received**.
- **Silverwoods Site:** New owners have been identified. Enforcement officers have advised them that although the footprint is similar to previous proposals, a **new planning application** will be required.
- It was noted that **there is currently no provision for traveller sites in Shropshire**, therefore applications cannot be refused on the basis of directing them elsewhere.

07. Planning Breaches – Reported Concerns and Required Action

No reports were received. *Power: Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (consultation powers only).*

08. Updates to Respond Back to Committee from Previous Actions

No updates were received.

09. Next Meeting Date

2nd June before full council.

10. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To resolve that, under **Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**, the press and public be excluded for the following item(s) due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.