



Present: Cllrs T. Pinches, A. Hancox, S. Bunn, D. Renshaw, D. Thakrar.

Clerk: A. Palmer

County Councillor: S. Ritchie-Simmons (apologies)

HIGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 7/7/2026 at 6pm Severn Centre, Highley

MINUTES

PL26-27.22 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED to accept the apologies from Cllrs H. Hancox, T. Quinn,

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

PL26-27.23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

PL26-27.24 Parishioners' Question Time

One parishioner was present and did not wish to speak.

PL26-27.25 Minutes

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 2nd June 2026**.

Power: Local Government Act 1972, Sch.12, para.41(1).

PL26-27.26 Planning Applications

Members are requested to consider and comment on the following planning applications:

26 01837 CPL Ms Gillian Hawkins 23 Hazelwells Road – For Information Only

26 02258 CPL Mr Adrain Walker Wrens Nest – For Information Only

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PLANNING REFERENCE: 26/02086/FUL
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Full re-tile of existing roof.
LOCATION: The Hay Barn, Netherton Lane, Highley, Bridgnorth,
APPLICANT: Mr Mark Fletcher **SUPPORT**

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

PL26-27.27 Standing Agenda Item: County Councillor Report

Report received from Cllr Ritchie-Simmons,

PL26-27.28 Planning Breaches – Reported Concerns and Required Action

The Clerk provided a brief update on ongoing matters. Issues were discussed by councillors, and it was agreed that these remain with the Enforcement Team to progress.

Power: Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (consultation powers only).

PL26-27.29 Updates to Respond Back to Committee from Previous Actions

The Committee noted that further information had been requested from Shropshire Council regarding matters previously raised and discussed. Clarification was sought on departmental responsibilities, compliance with relevant regulations, and whether any issues required formal investigation.

No update had been received as of 7 July 2026, and the Committee awaits a response.

PL26-27.30 – Local Plan Representation

Members reviewed the draft representation to the Shropshire Local Plan Consultation and discussed the concerns previously identified regarding public transport inadequacy, highways capacity and access constraints, wider infrastructure deficiencies, and the importance of completing the Local Plan Consultation.

The Committee made amendments to strengthen the response and confirmed they were satisfied with the revised draft.

RESOLVED: The Planning Committee is content for the amended representation to be submitted to Full Council for approval.

PL26-27.31 Housing Needs Survey

Draft 2 of the Housing Needs Survey was received and noted. The Planning Committee confirmed that they are content with the draft and accept the findings and recommend that it be submitted to Full Council for approval.

Members acknowledged that, although turnout initially appeared low, Highley achieved a pro-rata response rate equivalent to Shrewsbury, demonstrating strong local engagement.

Actions agreed:

- To forward the accepted draft to Emma Green, Shropshire Council Planning Policy (Southern), for inclusion in their evidence base.
- To publish the survey on the Parish Council website for public access.
- To confirm to Craig Bethel that the Committee accepts Draft 2.
- To attach the survey to the Parish Council's Local Plan representation.
- To make the survey available to any developers proposing new housing within the village, to support evidence-based planning discussions.

PL26-27.32 Next Meeting Date

To confirm the date and time of the next Planning Committee meeting Tuesday 1st September 6pm

PL26-27.33 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.