

WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Willingham Parish Council held on 5th March 2025 at 7:00pm, in the Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street, Willingham

Present:

Councillors: Councillor Harris (Chair), Councillor Law, Councillor Hutchcraft, Councillor Barratt, Councillor McKee, and Councillor Watson

Parishioners: One

Clerk: Mandy Powell

Deputy Clerk: Amy Rudderham (minute taker)

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and ratified from Councillor Todd due to a personal commitment.

2. Declarations of interest

Councillor Harris declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6. (iii) as he had completed the drawings for the proposal in his professional capacity. Councillor Harris did not take part in discussions relating to this application.

3. Public forum (*maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes*) All parishioners wishing to speak and who are on the Electoral register, must make their name known to the Clerk prior to commencement of the meeting. Maximum of five people to speak. Large groups will need to decide on a spokesperson representative.

There was one member of the public present, who did not wish to address the Committee.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2025.

Councillor Hutchcraft proposed the Minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Barratt and **resolved** with five votes in favour and one abstention due to not being present at the meeting.

Action: Clerk

5. To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February, not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

None were noted.

6. Planning Applications for consideration.

(i) 25/00407/FUL – Land South of Bridge Farm Earith Road Willingham Cambridgeshire – Change of use to equestrian and erection of two yards and the creation of a new access – Mr Joseph Brown

Councillor Harris proposed the Council recommend refusal based on the following reasons:-

- The entrance/exit of the site leads directly onto the B1050, and concern was raised for the safety of horses, riders, and road users.
- The Council note that traffic along the road travels at excessive speed limits and with horse boxes etc slowing down considerably to use the entrance/exit, concern was raised for the safety of road users.
- The Council noted that the applicant does not have right of way over to the Bridleways.
- The Council was unaware of the need for more stables in the village.
- The Business statement was unavailable on the Portal.

Bearing in mind recent developments in the village, if the Planning Officer is minded to approve the application, the Council would request a restriction is applied to the permission that the use cannot be changed to housing or accommodation of any kind.

If the Officer is minded to approve this application, the Council would request the application to go to Committee.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Watson and **resolved** unanimously.

Action: Clerk

(ii) CCC/24/107/FUL - Erection of new building to provide breakfast club, afterschool club, holiday club, pre-school and flexible teaching space with solar panels, air source heat pumps, air conditioning, associated external works and landscaping for the

use of Willingham Primary School - Willingham Primary School, Thodays Close, Willingham, Cambridgeshire, CB24 5LE- Willingham Primary School

Councillor Law proposed the Council support the application, this was seconded by Councillor Hutchcraft and resolved unanimously.

Action: Clerk

- (iii) 24/04402/NMA1 - 20 Church Street Willingham Cambridgeshire CB24 5HT – Non-material amendment on application 24/04402/FUL for external walls to be black painted weatherboarding to match existing neighbouring outbuildings instead of brick and roof slates to be replaced with red tiling as adjacent outbuildings, or red bitumen tiling looking similar to the existing tiles – Mr Phil King

It was noted the Council were aware the application was due to be received. The Council would not make a comment on this application, as the applicant was a Parish Councillor.

7. Correspondence

- (i) To receive correspondence regarding Street Naming on Haden Way, and consider any actions.

An update was provided to the Committee to confirm the Office had contacted Councillor Hawkins regarding the numbering of planning application 24/01326/FUL. Councillor Hawkins had acknowledged receipt of the email but was due to go on leave. Councillor Hawkins confirmed she would respond upon her return to the office.

- (ii) Any other correspondence

None received.

8. For information

- (i) To receive an update of information with regards to a Neighbourhood Plan

Information had previously been circulated to the Committee. It was requested the item be added to next month's Full Parish Council Meeting Agenda.

Action: Clerk

9. Items for future meetings

None received.

10. To decide date of next meeting

To be decided.

Meeting Closed at 19:20.