

# WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the Planning Committee meeting of Willingham Parish Council held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7:30pm, in the Parish Council office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham.

Present:

Councillors: Harris (Chair), Hutchcraft, Law, McKee, Watson

Parishioners: None

Clerk: Mandy Powell

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## 1. To receive apologies for absence

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

## 2. Declarations of interest

Item 6(i) – All committee members declared an interest as the application had been submitted by the Parish Council. The committee noted the application but did not comment on it.

**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.**

None present.

## 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Councillor McKee proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Councillor Watson, and **resolved** with four votes in favour and one abstention due to being absent from the meeting.

**Action: Clerk**

## 5. To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026, not covered elsewhere on this agenda

None raised.

## 6. Planning Applications for consideration

(i) 26/00382/FUL – Construction of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) – Recreation Ground, Willingham Bowls Club, West Fen Road, Willingham, Cambridgeshire – Willingham Parish Council  
The planning committee noted the application but did not comment on the application as the Parish Council were the applicant.

**Action: Clerk**

(ii) 25/03748/FUL – Retrospective change of use of land to use as residential caravan site providing 14 gypsy/traveller pitches, including the stationing of 14 static caravans/mobile homes and an amenity block, together with the laying of hardstanding and associated works – The Piggery, Haden Way, Willingham, Cambridgeshire – Mr Joe Rooney – **Amendment**

Councillor Harris proposed the Council object to the application for the following reasons, seconded by Councillor Law and **resolved** with four votes in favour and one abstention.

- The planned layout did not allow enough space for a touring caravan as well as vehicles of which would normally form part of a traveller pitch.
- The amenity block did not follow the normal layout for a traveller pitch requirement and was not of an adequate capacity for the number of likely occupants.
- The Council would reiterate its comments from 2025 as below and would also request that should the officer be minded to approve the application that it is passed to committee for consideration.

Comments from 2025

- The proposal includes the removal of all three previously approved amenity blocks, and the council would raise its concerns of the implications of sanitary provisions for all site users.
- The Council was aware that the site was nearly, or at, capacity for the treatment plant for foul waste at the site and the additional dwellings would exceed the treatment plans capacity.
- The Council was extremely concerned that this would be the third time retrospective permission had been sought for the same site. The Council would request that the planning authority investigate the matter further to establish why retrospective applications were being allowed on the site.
- The Council were concerned the site would expand even further without the relevant permission and as a result retrospective planning approval would be sought again at a future date.
- The Council would strongly urge the Planning Authority to seek alternative provisions for the traveller community as it felt that Willingham was at capacity. If the Planning Authority were to allocate Traveller pitches at other areas in South Cambridgeshire, this would assist with increasing diversity amongst other communities in Cambridgeshire.
- The Council would question whether any Section 106 monies would be due owing to the number of dwellings now in situ on the site.

(iii) 26/00731/S73 – Land at The Rear of 21 Green Street Willingham Cambridgeshire CB24 5JA – S73 to vary condition 1 (Approved plans) of planning permission 21/00577/S73 (73 variation of condition 1 (Approved plans ) of planning permission S/1740/19/RM (Approval of matters reserved for Appearance landscaping layout and scale following outline planning permission S/0524/17/OL for the erection of two dwellings) to reduce the size of the proposed dwelling) the addition of rooflights above the pool house and garage and a small additional window to Bedroom 1 – Mr and Mrs Law

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

## 7. Correspondence

(i) To receive and consider correspondence received from 3C Shared Services regarding allocation of addressing 2 dwellings at Meadow Road

Noted.

(ii) To receive and consider correspondence received from Greater Cambridge Shared Planning regarding an application received for the Construction of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

Noted.

(iii) Any Other Correspondence

## 8. Items for future meetings

(i) 25/04556/FUL – Land at Station Road, Willingham – Change of use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes, and the erection of dayrooms and laying of hardstanding ancillary to that use – Green Planning Studio – **Amendment**

(ii) 26/00900/REM – Lyndhurst, Storage Building Station Road Longstanton Cambridgeshire – Reserved matters application for details of the access, appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and associated parking and infrastructure of Plot 4 pursuant to Outline application reference 25/01936/OUT

## 9. To decide date of next meeting

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

*Meeting closed at: 19:52*