

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at Rusper Village Hall on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs G. Sallows (Chairman), M Cooke, M Fenton, F Maitland-Smith, M Fillmore, S White, G Hussey, D Halsey, D Matthews.

Apologies: G Fleming, R Beckmann.

Clerk: Lisa Wilcock.

There was 1 member of the public present for the meeting.

Meeting commenced 1900hrs

PL22 - 26/27 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Beckmann and Cllr G Fleming.

Resolved: To approve the apologies for absence.

PL23 - 26/27 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19th May 2026 were considered.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2026 be approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

PL24 - 26/27 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fenella Maitland-Smith declared an interest in any planning application discussion relating to the West of Ifield planning application.

PL25 - 26/27 Open Forum

Cllr Fenella Maitland-Smith reminded the Council that there is a Save West of Ifield meeting on Thursday 23rd July 2026.

PL26 - 26/27 Climate Crisis

The Committee acknowledged the ongoing climate crisis and confirmed that environmental impacts would be considered when determining planning applications and other matters before the Committee.

PL27 - 26/27 Planning Applications – Planning Tracker

a) DC/26/1073 – Cavok, Ashmore Lane, Rusper, West Sussex RH12 4PS

Proposal: Surgery to two Hornbeam trees.

Resolved: The Committee raised no objection to the application.

b) DC/26/0889 – Former Longfield House, East Street, Rusper, West Sussex

Proposal: Variation of Condition 9 of previously approved planning application reference DC/24/1144 (Variation of Condition A to DC/14/0413 and Condition 1 of previously approved applications DC/15/0834, DC/15/1712, DC/21/2359 and DC/23/0069) relating to the alignment and position of the access drive and refuse collection point. The application seeks to remove the requirement for a fire hydrant.

Resolved: No comment.

PL28 - 26/27 Planning Applications Received Since Publication of the Agenda

The Committee considered any planning applications received since publication of the agenda.

No applications to be considered.

PL29 - 26/27 Appeals and Amendments

The Committee noted and considered any planning appeals and amendments.

There were no new appeals to consider. The Committee noted that the appeal relating to DC/25/1120 – Land Adjacent Pucks Croft Cottage, Horsham Road, Rusper, RH12 4PR (Appeal Ref: 6006131) had been allowed. Outline planning permission was granted for the erection of four dwellings, the extension of the existing cottage, improvements to the access, and the provision of landscaping, in accordance with application reference DC/25/1120, subject to the conditions set out in the Inspector's decision.

PL30 - 26/27 Enforcement Report

The Committee received an update on planning enforcement matters within the Parish.

The report as distributed was noted.

PL31 - 26/27 Date of the Next Planning Committee Meeting

Next Planning Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 15th September 2026.

Meeting closed 1917hrs

Signed.....Dated.....