

**FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee**  
**Held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024, commencing at 7.30pm**  
**At Benians Pavilion.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Paul McAllister (Chairman), Cllrs Pullen (M), Smith and Medhurst  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jo Tsigarides (Clerk), No members of the public.  
**APOLOGIES:** Cllr R Pullen

**24.77 PC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr R Pullen sent apologies (prior engagement) which were duly accepted.

**24.78 PC Open Session, Public Participation**

Resident One, the Chair of Fight 4 Four Marks, raised a question about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan which would be discussed during the meeting and also requested a Highways update. The Clerk briefly advised on the points covered in the last Highways Liaison meeting but also suggested the resident had further discussions with Cllr R Pullen who attended the meeting.

With no further items to raise, the Open Session ended at 7.45pm

**24.79 PC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS**

**24.80 PC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr M Pullen, which was seconded by Cllr Smith, and with all Councillors in agreement it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**24.81 PC APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

FOR DISCUSSION					
30/08/2024?	<a href="#">49313/010</a>	Woodcote, Boyneswood Road, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5DY (easthants.gov.uk)	Lawful Development Certificate Proposed - conversion of garage into new kitchen and in-fill extension to porch.	30/09/2024 extended.	-
Four Marks Parish Council has no objection to this lawful development application.					

10/09/2024	<a href="#">53869/007</a>	29 Yarnhams Close, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5DH (easthants.gov.uk)	T1 - Oak: - Crown lift - 5 metres with a maximum wound diameter of 80 millimetres - A 25% thin of over-heavy branches leaving a maximum wound diameter of 80 millimetre - Crown reduction - Reduction of height by 3 metres and reduction of width by 3 metres leaving an even finish with a height of approximately 18 metres and a width of approximately 14 metres.to even out the canopy & to reduce future sucker growth from the branch remaining sections.	5/11/2024
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In line with the Parish Council’s Tree Management Policy, recognising the importance and amenity value of trees (and hedgerows) within the environment, would only support work to, and removal of, trees (or hedgerows) that would not be detrimental to the health and stability of any remaining trees, and necessary for reasons of essential maintenance, or health and safety of persons and property.

With reference to this application, the Council defer to the planning officer’s knowledge and decision in this regard.

19/09/2024 – additional documents.	<a href="#">58788/002</a>	Land to the west of, Longbourn Way, Medstead, Alton (easthants.gov.uk)	Outline application for residential development of up to 95 dwellings with associated public open space and landscaping. All matters reserved except for means of vehicular access (Amended description and information received 9 August 2023)	
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Whilst noting the additional transport information, the Council considers that they have no significant impact on its earlier comments and would like to reaffirm a strong objection to this proposal.

Some additional Planning applications (27256/011 and 50075/007) had been circulated to Councillors as they had come through post issuing the Agenda. Comments had been collected by email and would be submitted with this tranche of comments.

#### **24.82 PC TO NOTE DECISIONS NOTIFIED AND PENDING**

The Clerk had circulated recent decisions in the Planning Matters document.

It was also noted that EHDC had been contacted regarding the consultation distance and advice had been given that where an application is within 100m of the Parish Council boundary. The Clerk was asked to go back to the Planning department and suggest that where an application would have a significant impact on the local amenities, that the application is put to the Council as a Statutory Consultee regardless of the distance involved.

The Committee were informed that an Appeal had been raised relating to the dog exercise field application at the Land between the Laces and Hawthorn Farm, Willis Lane (APP/M1710/3349657).

#### **24.83 PC ADDITIONAL PLANNING MATTERS.**

##### **24.83.1 To discuss Parish information evening.**

A working Agenda had been circulated to Councillors and there had been a suggestion that the event was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to avoid Remembrance. There was a discussion of talking points for each group which the Clerk would send out ASAP. It was going to be vital to advertise the event and so a poster would be produced along with some social media images in order to get maximum uptake. A resident had volunteered to help with the audio/visual presentations.

Various Councillors would give updates, but the real focus of the meeting would be on planning, with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group presenting the reasoning for revisiting the Plan and the process. This would be a major point, which other groups would support in their own presentations. It was agreed that post presentations, there would be a break, with a panel then formed to answer questions.

EHDC would be asked to present or send materials to use if they were unable to and it was also suggested that the NPSG produce an information leaflet to coincide with the event.

##### **24.83.2 To receive any updates on current complaints to EHDC**

The Clerk was still awaiting a response from the Interim Planning officer (Ref complaint one) and was in the process of drafting a response to Complaint letter two – ref 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024, which would be taken to a Stage Two complaint. The difficulty in escalating this was discussed as the Committee report uploaded onto the website did not reflect what had happened at the meeting.

##### **24.83.3 Chairmans updates on planning matters and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

An update was provided on timelines, with the Chairman anticipating that the project would be delivered by March 2026. This reflected the immense amount of work needed, design codes and site allocations.

Consultants had been approached and it was thought that one would be appointed by November 2024, with resident consultation taking place in January 2025.

Although some grants could be applied for, Medstead Parish Council had been asked to consider a contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan in their 2025/2026 budget as nothing had been allocated in the current year.

**24.84            PC        Next Scheduled meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**24.85            PC        Meeting closed at 8.40pm**