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Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held at Village Hall on Wednesday 1st July 2026 at 6.00pm

Members' Present: Cllrs McAllister, Smith, R Pullen, M Pullen Thomson and Medhurst

In attendance: Mrs Debbie Batley (Locum Clerk)

26.61 PC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None

26.62 PC OPEN SESSION – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
No public present

26.63 PC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest.

26.64 PC COMMITTEE MINUTES
On the proposal of Cllr M Pullen, which was seconded by Cllr McAllister all Cllrs in agreement, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 3rd June 2026.

26.65 PC FOR DISCUSSION – None

26.66 PC LATE APPLICATIONS - None.

26.67 PC TO NOTE DECISIONS NOTIFIED AND PENDING - None

26.68 PC ADDITIONAL PLANNING MATTERS
Land behind 131 Winchester Road which has not yet received planning permission has started destructive work clearing the site - Cllr Thomson and Clerk to report

26.69 PC TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
Progress being made towards Reg 14 which is the submission of policies and site allocations to EHDC and statutory consultees.

Policies will be presented at the extraordinary meeting on 8th July 2026 which, if approved, will allow proposed policies and site allocations to be used by EHDC to perform a SEA screening (Strategic Environmental Assessment). The screening will identify if additional environmental reports are required for the proposed policies and allocations.

Some policies may still be amended or added to as part of the process. EHDC are arranging a cooperative meeting with Highways to assist in the generation of a transport policy. Normally, the transport policy would come from EHDC but in the absence of an emerging local plan the NP has to produce one.

A site allocation mitigation document has been produced to identify what mitigation measures on each proposed allocation site would be required and incorporated in the policies.

On Barn Lane site previous planning committee recommendation was that a convenience store should be provided due to the distance to the local centre.

Feedback from NPSG consultant EHDC and other interested parties points out that the current application is not for mixed use provision of a convenience store at this location has viability issues without additional features such as rapid EV charging. Provision of a convenience store could be used to justify further very undesirable development to west of site towards Ropley.

Suggestion is to change mitigation to providing financial contribution to improvements to oak green and pedestrian/cycle/wheelers provision to village facilities including school possibly via Green lane/Gradwell Lane. If planning committee agrees will amend the mitigation document and present next week.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday 5th August 2026

26.70 MEETING CLOSED: 7.45pm

Signature:

Date: