

Burwash Parish Council Planning Meeting

Minutes of the Planning Meeting
Held on the 17th March 2026 at 19.00 at the Parish Rooms

Members Present: Cllr. K. Lloyd (Chair), Cllr. A. Newson, Cllr. C. Chapman & Cllr. L. Elmslie.

The meeting started at 19.01.

There were no members of the public present.

1. Public Time.

None.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. Kenny & Cllr. Hart.

3. Disclosures of Interest.

Cllr. Elmslie declared that she was a member of Save Our Fields group.

4. Minutes for the previous meeting.

Councillors noted that there had been no meeting since the previous Full Council meeting.

5. Planning Applications.

- a. RR/2025/2059/HOU & RR/2025/2060/LBC: The Old Granary, High Street, Burwash, TN19 7EN.

Councillors voted to provide a *general comment* for this application:

- The applicants are reminded to adhere to the dark skies policy number EN04 in the Burwash Neighbourhood Development Plan to ensure that additional glazing proposed uses Dark Skies compliant glass or coverings that ensure light emission is kept to a minimum to protect the dark skies of the parish and the wildlife that rely on the dark skies. This is an important consideration for any new glazing proposed.
- The Planning Committee would be interested in the comments from Rother's Conservation Officer on this application which don't appear to have been available on the portal. The proposed application is within the Burwash Conservation Area and needs to be assessed through the proper officer at Rother.

Completed: 18-03-26.

- b. RR/2026/0042/LDE: Bungalow, Witherhurst Farm, Heathfield Road, Burwash, TN19 7HN. Continued occupation in excess of 10 years in breach of outline re: A/60/43 and subsequent application A/61/420 condition no. 2.

Councillors voted to provide *no comment* on this application.

Completed: 18-03-26.

- c. RR/2026/0064/HOU: Furnace House, Heathfield Road, Burwash, TN19 7LA.

Proposed two storey and single storey extension.

Councillors voted to *object* to this application and requested the ward members call in this application to the Rother Planning Committee. The following comments were noted:

- It is to be noted that the site is seen and is in close proximity to both a footpath and bridleway which is not noted in the application.
- The proposed application is overdevelopment of the site.

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- The plan shows incorrect ownership of the field.
- Previous conditions attached to planning have not been observed.
- The site has been noted as a red flag site for great crested newts.
- The committee has requested this application be called into the Rother Planning Committee.

Completed: 18-03-26.

- d. RR/2025/185/P: Old Orchard Nursery, Heathfield Road, Burwash Common, TN19 7NB.
Amended Application: Outline application for the demolition of existing timber structures and construction of up to nine new dwellings utilising existing access onto Heathfield Road. All matters reserved except access.

Councillors voted to provide a *general comment* for this application:

- Councillors noted concerns over the density increase for this outline application from six to nine units.
- Concerns were raised over the impact of the café business on the site.
- It was noted that Highways objected to the access arrangements when the application was for 6 units and it has now been increased to 9.
- The parking supply proposed is inadequate and there are concerns regarding the supply of additional parking.

Completed: 18-03-26.

- e. RR/2026/0240/FULL: Oakdown House Limited, Oakdown House, Swing Gate Hill, Burwash Common. TN19 7JR.

Councillors voted to *support* this application with no additional comments.

Completed: 18-03-26.

6. Planning Results Received.

Councillors noted the planning results received.

7. Planning Appeals.

None to note.

8. Enforcement.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to request the Clerk speak to the Enforcement team again about the site at Bunkers Farm on Pear Tree Hill (road to Stonegate). – *Completed.*

9. Rother Local Plan Update.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree with the proposed comments report on the site allocations.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to agree to give the Clerk and Chair delegated authority to submit the final report after the working group had finalised the additional question responses.

10. Information for noting on a future agenda.

Nothing requested.

11. Date of next meeting.

7th April 2026. If meeting required.

Meeting ended: 20.11

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Cllr. Keith Lloyd
Chair Planning Committee