

Burwash Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group

3 March 2026, 6:00 pm; Parish Rooms Burwash

Minutes

Present: Keith Lloyd (KL); Lindsay Green (LG); Lesley Elmslie (LE); Julian Kenny (JK)

- 1. Who should take the minutes?** JK agreed to take the minutes.
- 2. Apologies for absence.** Anne Newson (AN), Halina Keep (HK)
- 3. The minutes of the last meeting.** Agreed
- 4. Should we change our procedure?** No, remove from future agendas
- 5. Disclosures of Interest** - None
- 6. Feedback from Parish Council Public Meetings – 21st February**

- a. Analysis of the feedback**

The documents created by LG and KL are both very good, but it would be better if they are merged into one document moving forward.

In Burwash Common most of the negative comments were about land on the south side of the A265 because of road safety and run off. If either of these are developed there would need to be major changes to the A265,

In Burwash the negative comments were about the large developments on Shrub Lane. They are considered unsuitable size and location wise. There is no approved access to one of the sites.

Save Our Fields have suggested focusing on Greenfield Road (Burwash) and the Old Orchard (Burwash Common)

- b. Subsequent findings to be communicated to the Parish Council**

There have been three subsequent comments via email. These will be shared with Full Council with the consolidated report.. One of the comments was from a resident who wants to offer land for community housing. It was felt that the resident should get her own plans drawn up as the group are only looking at sites that have been identified by Rother

LG will create a draft response to the Planning Committee – meeting w/b 16 March (to be confirmed).

LG suggested that we undertake our own housing needs assessment. He will produce a template for us to review. We will then seek input for RDC.

7. Houses for Sale – influence on Consultation?

It was felt that this should be included. It was also suggested that numbers in the plan should include a maximum size as there is much more need for smaller properties.

Prices are too high, the houses on the Nursing Home site were reduced last week as they remain unsold.

8. Land Registry results? – Details of house sales are included on the land registry site, but only 6 months after the date of sale. We still need to know the owners of the current sites .

9. Standing item Biodiversity/Environment + Standing item Infrastructure – ongoing reading

It was felt that these two items should be updated during NP Development stage (under item 10).

10. LG has created a suggested timetable moving forward:

- 10 March Deadline for responses to draft NPPF – Emma and Keith are working on this
- 23 March Deadline for responses to draft local plan
- April/May/June 2026 – Housing Needs Assessment (what/how/who?) + Housing needs survey
- Summer 2026 – Final local plan published with policies + sites
- Oct 26-Mar '27 (provisional):
 - Housing
 - Environment
 - Infrastructure
- April 27 – Consultation
- May 27 – Revisions
- June 27 – Examination
- Sept 27 – Publication

11. Next Meeting

Thursday 12th March 6pm