WARBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday 27 October 2026 6.30pm at Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green

1. Attendance and apologies for absence:

Present: Councillors Katy Waterman (Chair), Andy Long, Chris Wells, Liz Ansell, David Turton, Buster Ansell, Bob Bowdler, Duncan Maguire and Jeanne Peterson (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr David Jarrold
It was resolved to accept the apology as given.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes

3.1 **It was resolved** to adopt the Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 6 October 2026. The minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true record.

3.2 **Matters Arising** – None

4. Public Participation: No attendees.

5. Planning Applications:

5.1 **WD/2026/1971/OH Chapmans Town Road, Rushlake Green TN21 5PS**
To replace pole 542066 off Chapmans Town Road for a stout pole and install an additional stay wire for support (highlighted red on plan) to install an additional pole to support the existing Thorington Farm pole mounted transformer and install two stay wires (highlighted red on plan) to install an `out rigger' stay on pole 542073 for support.

The council **resolved** to **support** this application

5.2 **WD/2026/1873/F Coombe Ash, Churches Green Lane, Churches Green TN21 9NX**
Installation of one ground-mounted solar photovoltaic array comprising 20 no. Portrait-oriented panels in a single row (maximum overall dimensions 23.4 metres long, 2.1 metres deep and 2.0 metres high), set at 30 degrees on a solar port steel mounting frame with x-anchor foundations, to generate electricity for use at Coombe Ash.

The council **resolved** to **support** this application.

5.3 **WD/2026/1975/LB Old Post Office, Rookery Lane, Rushlake Green TN21 9QL**
Removal of existing oil boiler and associated oil tank and replacement with new air source heat pump.

The council **resolved** to **support** this application.

6. Agricultural Determination Applications, Change of Use & Lawful Development Building Applications: None

7. Planning Appeals: None

The clerk reported that Wealden Planning have updated the council that no new submissions/applications have been made from Cophall Farm, and they [Wealden] are progressing with a report on this case.

8. Decision Notices: Noted

8.1 **WD/2026/1018/F & WD/2026/1019/LB Hay Barn, Beeston Farm. Clappers Lane, Vines Cross TN21 9HD**
Single storey extension - **Refused**

8.2 **WD/2026/0048/F Hambledon, Battle Road, Punnets Town TN21 9PE**
Variation of Condition 2 (single storey side and rear extension including solar panels) to allow an alteration to the rear door arrangement – **Approved**

8.3 **WD/2026/1692/F Forest Farm Cottage, Battle Road, Three Cups Corner TN21 9PB**
Conversion of steel frame barn into 2 x two bedroom holiday lets - **Refused**

8.4 **WD/2026/1703/FA Furnace Brook Trout Farm, Trolliloes Lane, Trolliloes BN27 4QR**
Variation of condition 4 of WD/2022/1275/FR (change of use of the existing barn from a fish nursery to an educational training/events and exhibition venue with some leisure use, and the construction of a single-storey toilet/reception block (retrospective), together with the proposed construction of two single-storey ultra-low carbon modular office buildings.) To increase the number of community events held per calendar year from 10 to 40 – **Approved**

9. Review of the Wealden Regulation 19 Local Plan
It was agreed in principle that the council would contribute an equal share of cost between a cluster of local parish councils for a professional report on the Wealden Regulation Local Plan.
The expenditure to be ratified at the full council meeting on 26 November 2026.
The council remains concerned about the lack of infrastructure to support the growing housing developments in nearby areas; not enough water, inadequate sewage drainage, demands on current road networks.
Members agreed that a collaborative approach to respond to the Local Plan could bear more weight, and the potential benefit to parishioners would not be out of order against a relatively small cost of an estimated £103.

10. Tree works to be carried out or TPO applications: None

11. Focus/Cluster Group update: None

12. To review any trees or hedges in the Parish that are a concern to public safety and any necessary actions noted:
Bathurst – there has been a change of resident and the clerk was asked to re-draft a letter for Cllr Wells to deliver.
Mulberry House – Cllr Waterman will send the clerk a picture of the still obscured 30 mph sign due to bulging hedges having reviewed the issue with the ESCC Traffic Safety Officer. The clerk will then contact the property owner.

13. To review any potholes in the parish that are a concern to driver and vehicle safety:
Cllr Waterman to look at Back Lane opposite Stream Cottage, by the bridge and send details to the clerk for reporting to ESCC.

14. Late Planning Applications, Decision Notices & Appeals received after the agenda was published: None

15. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 November 2026 6.30pm at Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green – small meeting room – side door access.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm