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12th May 2026

The Chairman and Members of the Planning Committee
The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Buxted Parish Council (BPC) Planning Committee meeting which took place at 7.00p.m. on 12th May 2026 in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Road, Buxted.

Present: Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Blandford, Cllr Muddle, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Duck, Cllr Humphrey, Cllr Mallett, Cllr Furber, Beccy Wadey (Clerk).

A resident of Five Ash Down attended the meeting and updated the council on the latest issues with the Durrants Field and Mockbeggars development sites. Complaints have been made to both developers regarding the dust coming from the sites. Carla homes (Mockbeggars) will supply a bowser to dampen down the dust pile, as has happened at Durrants Field. This will happen once there is a water supply to the site.

He also wished to comment on 4.1 Post Office application – the general view of residents is the proposal is not well received and considered out of keeping.

The application for the development locally known as the Piggeries, land off Millwood Lane – was heard at appeal, no decision yet and in the hands of the inspector.

Finally, he wished to comment on the reasons for refusal for applications at The Walled Garden and Land North of A272. One of the reasons being the proximity of the site near to Ashdown Forest. It then beggars' belief that Mockbeggars and Durrants field were approved, which are closer to the forest.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.
Clerk Claudine Feltham
2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
The minutes of the April planning committee meeting were approved as a true record.
3. Declaration of Members personal and prejudicial Interests in respect of items on this agenda
4. **Planning Applications**
- 4.1 **Application: [WD/2026/0698/F](#)**
Deadline for responses to WDC: 13th May 2026

Location: Post Office, Five Ash Down, Uckfield

Description: proposed canopies and shutter door

Buxted Parish Council response to WDC: **Recommend refusal. Advertising boards are out of keeping with the rural village setting. The village appreciates having a much-needed village store, but this advertising is unnecessary**

4.2 **Application:** [WD/2026/0726/F](#)

Deadline for responses to WDC: 19th May 2026

Location: 5 Oakwood Close, Five Ash Down

Description: Proposed single storey rear extension to create larger family/dining room and kitchen together with external alterations.

Buxted Parish Council response to WDC: **No objection.**

4.3 **Application:** [WD/2026/0566/MFA](#)

Deadline for responses to WDC: 21 May 2026

Location: Mockbeggar Farm, London Road, Budletts Common, Uckfield, TN22 2EA

Description: Variation of condition 1 of WD/2025/0736/MRM (reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) pursuant to outline permission WD/2022/0648/MAO (outline Application for the development of 60 no. dwellings, access and internal roads, parking, ancillary structures, landscaping and open space, drainage and other associated works. All matters reserved apart from access) to enable revision to elevational Treatment (to remove cladding) and associated changes to house type frontages.

Buxted Parish Council response to WDC: **No objection.**

5. **Applications considered via email due to deadline set by WDC**

None

6. **Applications determined/updated by Wealden District Council**

6.1 Application No. WD/2026/0280/F

Description: installation of a new below ground sewage treatment plant in the corner of the garden, utilising the existing inlet and outlet drainage around the property

Location: Sleeches Farmhouse, Fowley Lane, High Hurstwood, Buxted, TN22 4BQ

Decision: **Approved**

6.2 Application No. WD/2024/2481/MAO

Description: outline application with all matters reserved except for access (excluding internal estate roads) for the erection of up to 75 residential units, with the associated vehicular and pedestrian access from buxted road and associated infrastructure, landscaping, and public open space

Location: Land north of Buxted Road, Coopers Green, Five Ash Down, UCKFIELD, TN22 4AT

Decision: **Refused**

A copy of the Council's Decision Notice, along with the officer report, can be viewed online at <https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2024/2481/MAO>

6.3 Application No. WD/2025/2481/FR

Description: Retrospective application for ancillary residential use of first floor over detached garage

Location: Old Quarry, Chillies Lane, High Hurstwood

Decision: **Approved**

7. Appeals/Enforcement

7.1 Appeal Decision Notification

Appeal Ref: APP/C1435/W/25/3375564 - WD/2024/2894/MAJ

Land to the rear of The Walled Garden, Five Ash Down, East Sussex TN22 3AG

The development proposed is the construction of 18no. dwellings together with associated access road, parking and landscaping.

Appeal Decision: **Dismissed**

- **Main Issues:** Whether the development would preserve the setting of the Grade II listed Coopers Cross House
- The effect of the development on the character and appearance of the surrounding area
- Whether the development would provide an adequate surface water drainage Strategy
- Whether the development would secure the provision of on-site affordable housing
- The effect of the development on the integrity of the Ashdown Forest Special Protection Area (SPA).

7.2 Enforcement Appeal Notification

Appeal Ref: 6006333

Land adj. Medleys Plantation, Burnt Oak Road, High Hurstwood

Alleged Breach: Without planning permission, change of use of the land from agriculture to use as a commercial dog walking field and associated laying of road planings to form a track and hardstanding area, the erection of deer fencing, and a timber shelter.

The appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations.

8. Applications of note being considered by WDC Planning Committee - None

9. Applications received after the publication of this agenda, but available on the WDC website - None

10. Other matters for consideration/decision

10.1 Any urgent matters

None

Meeting closed: 19.15 hours

Beccy Wadey - Clerk to Buxted Parish Council.