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10<sup>th</sup> March 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 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in St Marys Church Hall, Buxted.

Present: Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Blandford, Cllr Rose, Cllr Muddle, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Duck, Cllr Humphrey, Cllr Furber, Beccy Wadey (Clerk) and Claudine Feltham (Clerk/RFO).

There were four members of the public present. Cllr Galley arrived at 1906 hours.

Two members of public spoke in connection with agenda item 7.2 (Land adjoining Medleys Plantation, Burnt Oak Road, High Hurstwood - dog walking field).

The residents live on Burnt Oak road, adjacent to the 'dog walking field' and wished to update members about an incident that happened 6.3.2026. Residents noted that the business owners started doing some work (there was a tractor and hedge cutter and 2 x vehicles) and they were trying to cut hedge down to a low level, by about 75 metres length.

They had had traffic survey done some time ago – this took place when the road was closed due to a burst water main, plus the speed indicators were on the entrance to the field and so the traffic being recorded was just driving slowly into the field. The hedge works maybe connected to future traffic reports that maybe required.

The contractors stated that they had been given permission by the owner. The residents checked with the owner, and they hadn't been given permission to cut the hedge down. WDC were also contacted who advised them to workers to stop.

The owner of the business also approached residents in their home a few weeks ago, asking why they had issue with the business in this location. They could not understand why they were objecting to the application.

Since the stop notice the residents had been able to enjoy their gardens again, which we hadn't been able to do for months when the dog walking business was in operation.

Residents believe that the business owners are going to try to appeal the WDC decision.

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mallett and WDC Cllr Shaw.
2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.  
The minutes of the meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were approved as a true record and signed.

3. Declaration of Members personal and prejudicial Interests in respect of items on this agenda  
Cllr Rose declared an interest in respect of agenda item 4.2 as he knows the applicant.

4. **Planning Applications**

4.1 **Application:** [WD/2026/0280/F](#)

Deadline for responses to WDC: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – extension to 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 granted

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

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

**Buxted Parish Council response to Wealden District Council: no objections**

4.2 **Application:** [WD/2026/0324/PIP](#)

Deadline for responses to WDC: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026, extension to 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 approved

Location: Sandpits Yard, Pound Green Lane, Etchingwood, Buxted, TN22 4PU.

Description: application for a permission in principle for erection of a dwelling and associated development. Demolition of workshop/storage building.

**Buxted Parish Council response to Wealden District Council: no objections, subject to any requirements for dealing with the Great Crested Newts.**

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

5.1 **Application:** [WD/2026/0182/F](#)

Expiry date for comments: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

Location: 6 TANYARD COTTAGES, FRAMFIELD ROAD, BUXTED, TN22 4PR

Description: rear extension, relocation of ground floor wc and kitchen, and extension of front porch roof.

**Response submitted to WDC: no objections**

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

*None*

7. **Appeals/Enforcement**

7.1 **BPC have been notified of the below enforcement notice by WDC**

**Location:** Land at Highfield, Rocks Lane, High Hurstwood, Buxted.

**Issue:** without planning permission, change of use of the land from agriculture to a mixed use of agriculture and for the stationing of a mobile home with attached decking extension, caravans, camper vans and recreational vehicles for residential occupation.

**Requirement:** stop using the land for the mobile home, decking, caravans, camper vans and vehicles for residential occupation.

Demolish and dismantle and remove the decking, remove all mobile homes and vehicles – along with rubbish, tools, machinery etc.

***Noted***

7.2 **Enforcement and Stop Notices - C/25/0346**

**Location:** Land adjoining Medleys Plantation, Burnt Oak Road, High Hurstwood (dog walking field).

Issued 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026, effective from 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026

***Noted***

7.3 **Notification of an appeal**

**Planning Inspectorate Ref: 6005568**

**Location:** Moorings, High Street, Buxted

**Description:** application for permission in principle for residential development comprising a maximum of two detached dwellings

All representations made at the time of the original consultation will be provided to the Planning Inspector. The deadline for any additional responses to the Planning Inspectorate is 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

The Planning Inspectorate have released a new online appeals service which you can use to comment, or modify/withdraw your previous representation: <https://appeal-planning.decision.service.gov.uk/comment-planning-appeal/enter-appeal-reference> (6005568).

***Noted***

**7.4 Notification of an appeal hearing**

**WDC reference: WD/2022/1710/MAO**

**Appeal ref: APP/C1435/W/25/3375977**

**Location:** Land North of Budletts Lane, Five Ash Down (known locally as the Pig Field).

**Description:** full planning application for the phased development comprising the construction of 50 x dwellings including three custom / self build plots, access, parking, landscaping and ancillary works.

**Info:** The Hearing opens at 10am on 23rd April 2026 and will be held at the Uckfield Town Council, Civic Centre, Uckfield, TN22 1AE in the Weald Hall.

*The hearing will be an in-person event which you can attend. During the event and, at the Inspector's discretion, you may be able to give your views. Anyone wishing to speak at the hearing should make themselves known to the Inspector on the day. Please also note that parking is available in the Luxford Car Park. Should you wish to attend the hearing you should contact the council by emailing [planning.appeals@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:planning.appeals@wealden.gov.uk)*

***Noted***

**8. Applications of note being considered by WDC Planning Committee**

**9. Applications received after the publication of this agenda, but available on the WDC website.**

**10. Other issues for consideration**

**11. Information received from Wealden District Council Planning department;**

**Any urgent matters**

**Meeting closed: 1914 hours**

***Claudine Feltham - Clerk to Buxted Parish Council.***