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Minutes of the **Planning and Environment Committee** held at the Hellingly Community Hub, The Drive, Hellingly, BN27 4EP on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

Minutes P.031.02.26 – P.034.02.26

Present: Cllrs D Lewin (Chair), D White, C Jackets, and J Castle

Officer in Attendance: Debbie Rhodes

Apologies: Cllr S Pilkington and Cllr S Davies

*In the absence of the Chair, nominations were invited for a Councillor to preside over the meeting. Cllr D Lewin was proposed by Cllr D White and seconded by Cllrs J Castle & C Jackets. There being no further nominations, it was RESOLVED that Cllr D Lewin be elected to take the Chair for the purpose of this meeting.*

Members of the Public in Attendance: None

Declarations of Interest: Hellingly Parish Council: WD/2025/2501/MAJ,  
Hellingly Lower Horsebridge Sports Ground

**P.031.02.26** The Planning and Environment Committee Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026** were signed by the Chair.

**P.032.02.26** Matters arising from the minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda).  
There were **NONE**.

**P.033.02.26** The **Planning Committee** considered and commented on the following planning applications:

**WD/2025/2888/F** UPPER HORSELUNGES, PARK ROAD, HELLINGLY, BN27 1PA  
ERECTION OF 2 SELF-BUILD DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS TO INCLUDE ACCESS.

*The Planning & Environment Committee consider that the proposal for 2 x self-build dwellings to be well-considered and thought out, and the Committee therefore SUPPORT the application for Upper Horselunges, Park Road, Hellingly.*

**WD/2025/2501/MAJ** HELLINGLY SPORTS GROUND, HORSEBRIDGE ROAD, HAILSHAM, BN27 4DN.  
PROVISION OF MUGA SPORTS PITCH, HEALTH PATHWAY, WIDENED VEHICLE ACCESS AND ADDITIONAL PARKING WITH ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING.

*The Planning & Environment Committee are unable to formally comment on this application, as it relates to our own planning submission for the Lower Horsebridge recreation/sports ground. It would therefore be inappropriate for us to provide an official consultation response, although we naturally SUPPORT our application.*

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Signed: S.M. Davis Date: 8-4-2026

Councillor Steve Davis – Chair

*We were surprised to note the objection from Sport England / Sussex FA and understand that WDC were consulted on this matter. We do not agree with the assertion that the proposal conflicts with paragraph 104 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The scheme does not result in any loss of existing play space, on the contrary, it enhances and improves the facilities available for younger players at the ground in repositioning and providing alternative facilities for all users.*

**WD/2026/015/PIP LAND AT GROS FAYT, PARK ROAD, HELLINGLY, HAILSHAM, BN27 4ET  
ERECTION OF TWO DWELLINGS**

*The Planning & Environment Committee SUPPORT this planning application in principle; however, we do have reservations regarding the adequacy of access to the site on to Park Road.*

**WD/2025/2490/O FAIRFIELD, GROVE HILL, HELLINGLY, BN27 4HE  
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND ERECTION OF DETACHED SELF-BUILD  
DWELLING.**

*The Planning & Environment Committee OBJECT to this application as the site is not appropriate for this dwelling in the countryside and contradicts local policies. This is not a replacement of a substantial agricultural building, and we consider this to be a speculative application.*

**WD/2026/0205/FR WELLSHURST GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, NORTH STREET, HELLINGLY, BN27 4ED  
PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CAMPING FACILITIES IN THE FORM OF 4 NO. PODS ON LAND  
OWNED BY THE GOLF CLUB TO ADD TO THE LEISURE FACILITIES ALREADY IN PLACE**

*The Planning & Environment Committee SUPPORT the application for Wellshurst Golf & Country Club, as it will benefit a local business and contribute positively to the tourism industry. However, in providing our SUPPORT it is subject to the condition that we do not wish to see any further development beyond the addition of these four pods. The structure and location of these pods have been amended from previously declined Planning Applications and whilst the new proposal would appear to address our original concerns, our support is also conditional upon the Reviewing Officers being satisfied that the reasons for previous planning refusals concerning drainage and the protection of ancient woodland have been satisfactorily addressed. Accordingly, we SUPPORT the application with the above condition clearly understood.*

**P.034.02.26 Issues within the Parish raised by Councillors.  
None**

**Meeting closed at 7:15pm  
Debbie Rhodes  
Assistant Clerk**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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**Signed: ..... Date: .....**

**Councillor Steve Davis – Chair**