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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> March 2026**.

**Minutes P.035.03.26 – P.037.03.26**

**Present:** Cllrs D White (Chair), D Lewin, C Jackets, and S Pilkington

**Officer in Attendance:** Jenny Hoodless (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllrs J Castle and S Davies

**Members of the Public in Attendance:** One

Steve Neilly, the developer of the bungalows backing onto Lower Horsebridge Recreation Ground, attended on behalf of the residents to object to Hellingly Parish Council's planning application for a MUGA. He advised that the sign displayed by WDC was not visible as the residents were completely unaware of the application. He stated that, according to the plan scales, the proposed fencing would be 5 metres high, along with the flood lights. He asked whether a lighting strategy had been prepared and submitted to Wealden District Council Planning. Mr Neilly emphasised that the development would have a significant impact on the residents and advised that they would be submitting written objections to Wealden District Council.

The Clerk advised that the plans would be redrafted to make clear that the fencing and floodlights would be no higher than 4 metres, and lower if possible. The revised plans would also include the bungalows.

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr D Lewin declared a personal interest in application WD/2026/0351/F

**P.035.03.26** The Planning and Environment Committee Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026** were signed by the Chair.

**P.036.03.26** Matters arising from the minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda).  
**There were NONE.**

**P.037.02.26** The **Planning Committee** considered and commented on the following planning applications:

**WD/2026/0351/F 7 DUNNOCK LANE, HELLINGLY, BN27 1FR**  
WOODEN CARPORT ON PRIVATE DRIVEWAY.

The Planning & Environment Committee **SUPPORT** this application as it provides outdoor Covering and there is no impact to the immediate neighbours.

**WD/2026/0431/F 54 CLOVER CRESCENT, HELLINGLY, BN27 4FJ**  
PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR/SIDE EXTENSION WITH INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO THE LIVING ROOM AND KITCHEN

The Planning & Environment Committee **SUPPORT** in principle for the proposed use of the area providing it is in line with Building Regulations and therefore would recommend the application is reviewed by Building Regulations Team for approval.

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

Councillor Steve Davis – Chair

**WD/2026/0374/D KNIGHTS FARM, THE DICKER, LOWER DICKER, BN27 4AZ  
DEMOLITION OF EXISTING AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND ONE DWELLING**

The Planning & Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTION** to this application, provided that due consideration is given to the presence/return of bats and barn owls. Additionally, the Method and Waste Statements indicate that the farmhouse is to be retained; however, the application states that a dwelling is to be demolished. Please clarify which dwelling is proposed for demolition.

**WD/2026/0204/FR COPPER FARM, NORTH STREET, HELLINGLY BN27 4EA  
RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.**

The Planning & Environment Committee has the following comments:

- This appears to have been an attempt to circumvent the planning process by constructing a residential dwelling on this site by spurious means from the outset.
- It would appear that in planning this and claiming to be constructing a welfare unit it avoided the requirement of a full planning application. The structure did not at any time comply with the definition of a caravan that WDC provided its initial guidance upon.
- The previous LDE information provided was not supportable by WDC and was questionable with evidence disproving the applicant's claim.
- We have to ask ourselves whether we would support a planning application if this was before us as a stand alone dwelling in the current location. In this respect we would not be prepared to support such an application and therefore do not support the retrospective planning application.

Meeting closed at 7:40pm  
Jenny Hoodless  
Clerk

11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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Councillor Steve Davis – Chair