



Wickham Bishops Parish Council

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 2.30pm in the Village Hall Boardroom

26P/009 Those Present and Apologies for Absence

In the Chair: Cllr Bass. Present: Cllrs Bates, Mickelsen and the Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr Wardrop, not in attendance due to a Declaration of Interest. There was one member of the public present.

26P/010 Declaration of Interests and Compliance with the Ethical Framework

There were none.

26P/011 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 27th January 2026 were accepted as a true record, proposed by Cllr Mickelsen, seconded by Cllr Bass, all in favour.

26P/012 Public Forum – a maximum of 15 minutes with no more than 3 mins per person

The Chairman suspended the meeting, and the Applicant for 26/00137/HOUSE spoke about the proposals.

26P/013 Planning Applications and Decisions

26/00137/HOUSE Hartwood, 15 Arbour Lane Two storey rear & side extension, raising ridge height to create habitable bedroom, addition of 6 solar panels to rear and dormers to front & rear. Alterations to fenestration incl additional cladding & change of materials. Demolition of existing porch, replacement with new reduced depth front porch. Removal of chimney. **Resolved:** Members had no objection to the proposals and recommended APPROVAL.

26/00094/WTPO 9 Blacksmiths Lane TPO 1/03 Oak trees, height reduction by 3m. **Resolved:** Members had no objection to the works provided they were carried out by a qualified arboriculturist, and recommended APPROVAL.

The following Appeal was noted:

25/00567/OUT Land rear of The Chantry, Tiptree Road Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 4 no. dwellings. Members noted that an Appeal had been made against MDC's failure to determine the application within the prescribed time.

Action: Members were mindful of other applications in the village where decisions were overdue and agreed to discuss the situation further at the next Full Parish Council Meeting.

The following decisions made by MDC were noted:

25/01037/FUL Wickham Art Barn, Station Road Replacement of a poultry shed. **APPROVED**

25/01052/LBC & 25/01051/FUL Outbuilding at The Chequers Inn, 32 The Street. Conversion & change of use of former stables outbuilding to a coffee shop & farm shop, incl reinstatement of original window openings, replacement doors, installation of external spiral staircase, and construction of a covered outdoor seating canopy **APPROVED**

25/01133/HOUSE 37 Byron Drive Remove existing lean-to roof and construct a new lean-to roof with a higher pitch. Addition of front facing dormer with changes to fenestration. **APPROVED**

26/00038/HOUSE 21 Grange Road Single storey front extension and porch, first floor side extension over existing garage, single storey rear extension and replacement of existing windows. **APPROVED**

26P/014 Any Other Planning Matters

There were none.

26P/015 Dates of Future Meetings

Parish Council Meeting – Tues 7th April 2026, 7.30pm, Village Hall Boardroom

Annual Parish Council Meeting – Tues 5th May 2026, 7pm, Church Hall

Annual Parish Assembly – Tues 5th May 2026, 8pm, Church Hall

26P/016 Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.45pm.