



Laxfield Parish Council

Planning Committee Meeting



Tuesday 11 August 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Guildhall Parish Room

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Peter Lowe, Parish Clerk

MINUTES - DRAFT

Attendees: R. Sutton (Chair), S Ellis, C. Baldry, P. Bicheno, D. Alchin, P Lowe (clerk)

1. Open forum

One member of the public attended the meeting to provide comments on the DC/26/03245 application to build a garage on Land at Pump Lane. The resident was also representing concerns from neighbours.

- Residents with properties and gardens adjoining the development are all retired. They have already had many years of construction noise from this site (often spanning 7:30am 7:00pm), and there is concern that this will now continue for some time.
- The proposed garage and workshop location is on the boundary of Church Walk properties and gardens. This would exacerbate the construction noise issue, if it was used as a workshop for the building of the 3 properties. It could also be used as an ongoing business workshop, after construction is completed.
- A number of mature trees are recently been cut down on the boundary line between Land at Pump Lane and the Church Walk properties. This used to provide a screen from the huge house currently being built and also helped to slightly buffer the construction noise.

Meeting started at 6:12pm

2. Apologies and approval of absences

David Alchin. *Approved.*

3. Declarations of interest

Rob Sutton and Colin Baldry in that they are neighbours to the DC/26/03245 development. Abstention on this item was agreed.

4. Minutes of last committee meeting

The minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 27 July 2026 were approved.
Proposed P. Bicheno, Seconded S. Ellis.

5. Planning - the following applications were discussed, as requested by MSDC:

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/03197

Proposal: Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for DC/26/01200 (Householder extension) for the variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans and Documents). **Location:** 20 Noyes Avenue, Laxfield, IP13 8EB.

Parish Council comments: No objections.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/03278

Proposal: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1- Copper Beech (*Fagus sylvatica purpurea*) - Crown reduce by 1-1.5M, remove all deadwood over 25mm and crown raise over roadside by 1M. T2- Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Crown reduce by 0.5-1M and remove all deadwood over 25mm. T3- Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Crown reduce by 0.5-1M, remove all deadwood over 25mm and sever ivy at base of tree. T4- Corkscrew Willow (*Salix matsudana* 'Tortuosa') - Re-pollard to original pollard points and sever Ivy at base. All Works carried out to BS3998, British standards for tree works. **Location:** The Old Manse, The Street Laxfield, IP13 8DZ.

Parish Council comments: No objections.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/03358

Proposal: Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area - T1: Beech- Reduce branches back to 3 Elm Lodge Northern boundary fence line. T1 forms part of an unmanaged hedge line to the rear (South) of 4 Guildhall Cottages IP13 8DU. **Location:** 3 Elm Lodge Road, Laxfield, IP13 8ET.

Parish Council comments: No objections.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/03356

Proposal: Application for works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell 2 No. Thuja (T1 and T2), Fell 1 No. Prunus (T3). **Location:** 3 Elm Lodge Road, Laxfield, IP13 8ET.

Parish Council comments: No objections

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/03392

Proposal: Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Proposed: Formation, Alteration or Maintenance of Private Ways for Agricultural or Forestry Use. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A - Construction of new farm track. **Location:** Scoggings Farm, Dennington Road Laxfield, IP13 8HJ.

Parish Council comments: No Comment.

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/00905

Proposal: Householder Application - Erection of a garage and shed. **Location:** Birdcage, Pump Lane, Laxfield, IP13 8FA.

Parish Council comments: No objection.

There were abstentions form Cllrs Rob Sutton and Colin Baldry on the next item

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/03245

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Construction of garage (Addition to Plot 3 of commenced planning permission DC/20/05953). **Location:** Plot 3, Land at Pump Lane, Laxfield, Suffolk.

Parish Council comments: The Parish Council, opposes this application for the following reasons – and also asks for a delay or extension to the decision on this application, to get clarity on the work commenced status:

- The proposed garage is too close to the boundary of a high-density residential area. This is an area of retirees, who already have concerns about the construction noise from Land at Pump Lane, spanning many years.
- Given the proposed dual workshop use of the building, there is concern that this may create ongoing noise for site construction and for future business use.
- The Garage seems to be linked to a previous application (DC/20/05953) to build 3 properties on Land at Pump Lane. LPC would like MSDC Planning to confirm that this has “Work Commenced” status, as the previous application was approved in May 2021, and planning permission has therefore expired.

Meeting closed at 6:48pm

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