



HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday the 19th March at 6.30pm at Harston Village Hall, Small Committee Room

Present: Councillor Pearce Gould(Planning Committee Chair); Councillor Holdom; Councillor Naik

In Attendance: Clerk, Jessica Harding

Members: 5 | **Quorum:** 3

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25-26/71 To Approve Apologies and Reasons for Absence (*LGA 1972 s 85(1)*)

It was proposed by Councillor Naik, seconded by Councillor Holdom and resolved that apologies for absence with acceptable reasons from Councillor Richards, Councillor Clark and Councillor Stierer are approved.

25-26/72 Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda

(*Localism Act 2011 s 31 s 33*)

None

25-26/73 Open Forum for Public Participation (15 Minutes)

None

25-26/74 Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was proposed by Councillor Pearce Gould, seconded by Councillor Naik and resolved that the Harston Parish Council Planning Committee herewith agree the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 19th February 2026.

25-26/75 Planning Applications for Consideration

1. Reference: 26/00783/CL2PD

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the Siting of a Mobile Caravan Structure to Provide Ancillary Annexe Accommodation.

Site address: 161 High Street Harston Cambridgeshire CB22 7QD

It was proposed by Councillor Holdom, seconded by Councillor Naik and resolved that the Harston Parish Council Planning Committee object to the certificate of lawfulness 26/00783/CL2PD based on the comments below.

The Planning Committee noted that the Certificate of Lawfulness notification had expired on the day it was received. The Planning Committee considered the proposal and resolved that it was minded to object

Key concerns were identified with reference to the Harston Neighbourhood Plan (2024–2041)

- **HAR 1 – New Development and Design:** A mobile caravan is not in keeping with Harston's rural character and is visually intrusive.
- **HAR 2 – Landscape Features:** Potential harm to garden landscapes, boundary features, and the wider rural setting.
- **HAR 3 – Landscape Character and Setting:** Adverse impact on important views and the settlement edge.
- **HAR 4 – Heritage:** Possible harm to the setting of nearby heritage assets.

- **HAR 18 – Parking and Traffic:** Likely increase in parking demand and vehicle movements in a constrained area.

The Council also expressed concern that the structure may function as a separate dwelling rather than an ancillary use, which would require full planning permission.

Significant highway safety concerns were raised regarding the delivery and installation of the two-part mobile home, which would require large vehicles and crane operations adjacent to the A10. Councillor considered that this poses an unacceptable risk to traffic flow and safety, contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Based on these points, the Planning Committee is minded to object and requests that these matters are taken into account in the assessment of the application.

2. Reference: 26/00703/CL2PD

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the installation of 33no. PV solar panels on the flat roof of existing dwelling.

Site address: 9 Sheephead Lane Harston Cambridgeshire CB22 7QA

It was proposed by Councillor Naik, seconded by Councillor Holdom and resolved that the Harston Parish Council Planning Committee considered the certificate of lawfulness 26/00703/CL2PD application but would neither support nor object and therefore submitted no comments.

25-26/76 Planning application conditions

Councillors reviewed the update planning log

25-26/77 National Planning Policy Framework Consultation

Councillor Naik circulated the response to the National Planning Policy Framework consultation ahead of the meeting. The submission has been made and a copy has been provided to the Clerk for reference.

25-26/78 Development Corporation ([Greater Cambridge Development Corporation: Consultation - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Citizen Space](#))

It was proposed by Councillor Holdom, seconded by Councillor Naik, and resolved that the Harston Parish Council Planning Committee submit comments for the Development Corporation consultation, to be circulated to the Planning Committee.

25-26/79 Information For Next Meeting

- **Planning Committee Meeting** – 16th April (Time TBC) (Small Committee Room, Harston Village Hall)

Meeting closed -6.28pm

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