

## HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Friday 21 August at 12.00pm at Harston Village Hall, Small Committee Room

Present: Cllrs Rupert Pearce Gould (Chair), Charlotte Clarke, Sandra Carroll

In Attendance: Locum Clerk – John Hammond

Members: 4, Quorum: 3

26-27/8 Apologies: Cllr David Stierer

26-27/9 Public Participation

A question was asked about the damage caused by vehicles cutting the corner of the green near the Pemberton Arms redevelopment. The Chair advised that the Clerk had gained agreement from the developer to remediate any damage.

(ACTION: Locum Clerk to ask developer about the timescale for remediation)

26-27/10 Minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 16 April 2026 were agreed.
- The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 21 May 2026 were agreed.

26-27/11 Planning applications and tree preservation orders for consideration

1. Ref: 26/02619/HFUL

Location: 26 Lawrance Lea Harston Cambridgeshire CB22 7QR

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and detached single storey games room to rear garden. Part conversion of garage to utility room.

PC recommendation: SUPPORT

2. Ref: 26/02857/FUL

Location: Land to the rear of 145-149 High Street Harston Cambridgeshire CB22 7QD

Proposal: Erection of 1no self/custom build dwelling, associated garage and access driveway.

PC recommendation: The committee resolved to OBJECT to this application.

It was considered that the scale and mass of the proposed building was not in accordance with the Harston Neighbourhood Plan. It breaches the Plan in its proximity to neighbours and in its access to the High Street. There was particular concern regarding visibility lines in relation to the cycleway which is part of the Melbourn Greenway.

If GCSP give permission for this application, the council want working time restrictions applied.

3. Ref: 26/02842/HFUL

Location: 30 Queens Close Harston Cambridgeshire

Proposal: Single storey rear extension for kitchen/diner and single storey side extension for new porch/entrance

PC recommendation: SUPPORT

4. *(NB. The following application arrived too late to be included in the published agenda. It was considered here to decide if there were grounds for an extraordinary Planning Committee meeting, or a need to consider it at the next full council meeting)*  
Ref: 26/02331/HFUL

Location: 5 The Limes Harston Cambridgeshire CB22 7QT

Proposal: Two storey side extension including conversion of garage to habitable space and single storey rear extension. Render and cladding to external walls.

PC recommendation: There was NO OBJECTION to this application, and therefore no need for further consideration at a subsequent meeting.

(ACTION: Locum Clerk to respond to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning on the above)

26-27/12 An application for a H-Bar (Access Protection Marking - APM) to be installed on Harston High Street, outside No.51 had been given permission by Highways. The Committee did not agree with this, noting that the Neighbourhood Plan raised the issue of lack of parking in the village. Highways had advised that the introduction of this APM would effectively remove all parking from this layby. The Committee felt that this would remove key parking for the Post Office, the hairdresser and other businesses on the High Street. The Committee resolved to appeal the permission.

(ACTION: Locum Clerk to advise Highways)

26-27/13 Proposed Submission Greater Cambridge Local Plan:

It was resolved to defer a recommendation to the full Parish Council regarding a response to the Greater Cambridge Local Plan. It was noted that a poster promoting the consultation had been published on the Parish Council website and on the two noticeboards, encouraging residents to respond by 25<sup>th</sup> September.

26-27/14 Next meeting: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 18:30.