

HARSTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17 September at 6.30pm at Harston Village Hall, Small Committee Room

Present: Cllrs Rupert Pearce Gould (Chair), Charlotte Clarke, Paul Ormerod, David Stierer

In Attendance: Locum Clerk – John Hammond

Members: 4, Quorum: 3

Public: 2

26-27/15 Apologies: Sandra Carroll

26-27/16 Conflicts of interest - None

26-27/17 Public Participation

A resident asked if the 2024-25 Action Plan published on the website had been updated to 2026-27 to guide the HPC approach to planning application.

The resident also asked, regarding 51 High Street, if a joint access could be constructed with number 53 to create a bigger access, leaving the existing parking spaces unaffected.

The other resident commented that some planning applications appear to be considered by HPC some time after publication.

26-27/18 Minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 21 August 2026 were agreed, and signed by the Chair.

26-27/19 Planning applications and tree preservation orders for consideration

1. Ref: 26/03151/FUL

Proposal: New access, boundary wall and gate along with erection of new cart lodge.

Site address: 51 High Street Harston Cambridgeshire

PC Recommendation:

“Harston Parish Council resolved to OBJECT to this application. It has serious concerns regarding visibility of cyclists and pedestrians on the cycleway for drivers exiting the property.

Also, parking has been identified as a critical issue for Harston, particularly near to the business properties on the High Street in this area, with three or even more cars able to park in this lay-by currently because the property owners use the second entrance/exit. The proposed layout closes the second entrance/exit so any changes to the lay-by MUST retain at least two vehicle parking spaces (and ideally three) and still leave sufficient visibility of highway traffic, when exiting the property from this new entrance/exit, in accordance with our Local Policies.

Any APM (H-Bar) road marking should not extend beyond the width of the new entrance/exit such that reduces vehicle parking below the above mentioned two or three spaces.

The proposed layout includes changes to the lay-by owned by CCC Highways, and the Parish Council want to be reassured that any costs associated with necessary changes to the lay-by are paid by the applicant and not left for the Parish Council to cover from public funds.

The Parish council would like to see a longer lay-by if possible."

2. Ref: 26/03239/HFUL

Proposal: First floor side extension including dormer window to front and new front porch. Alterations to fenestration and removal of garage door.

Site address: 2 Button End Harston Cambridgeshire

PC Recommendation: No objection

26-27/20 TPO's and other licences etc

There were no applications.

26-27/21 Conditions

The schedule of applications still running was circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read. It was noted that contractors working at the Pemberton Arms site were parking on double yellow lines and opposite on the pavement, causing risk to school children and parents with push chairs accessing the school.

(ACTION: It was agreed that Cllr Ormerod would address this issue with the main contractor)

26-27/22 Local Strategic Planning

The working group formed at the HPC meeting on 3rd September (Minute No. 26-27/101) and Chaired by Cllr Ormerod had prepared a draft response to the Proposed Greater Cambridge Shared Planning - Local Plan.

It was agreed that the group should finalise and submit this by 23rd September to meet the consultation deadline of 25th September.

26-27/23 Next meeting: Thursday 15th October 2026 at 18:30.